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Minimum: 25°C/77°F

Waves: 25°C/77°F

Humidity recorded: 75 per cent

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Humidity: 50 per cent

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# Amethi test for Nehru dynasty

## India heads for political turmoil

NEW DELHI, Nov 26, (AP): In an electoral version of the mouse that roared, vote fraud in a rural backwater is threatening the dynasty that has dominated the world's biggest democracy since independence in 1947.

The activities in Amethi, Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's parliamentary district, have also highlighted political problems in India, where criminals unite with politicians, distributing slush funds and rigging votes.

But the decision to call a revote in the 3,300-square-km (1,320-square-mile) dusty hybrid of boomtown and impoverished hamlet has also given some cause for hope.

The Election Commission, which is supposed to be an independent watchdog agency, reportedly was pressured by Rajiv's governing Congress Party to reject calls for a revote in the district.

Trouble began in Amethi on Wednesday, the first day of voting in the national parliamentary election.

An influential opposition leader, Sanjay Singh, was shot in the stomach in a clash with Congress Party workers. Rajiv's opponent for the parliament seat, Raj Mohan Gandhi, alleged that police roughed him up when he went to a polling booth to check reports of fraud. Raj Mohan Gandhi, who is not related to the prime minister, is the grandson of Mohandas Gan-

NEW DELHI, Nov 26, (Reuters): India is heading for political turmoil and intensive horse-trading if an election exit poll is right.

The national survey, India's first, predicted massive losses for Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's Congress Party in the three-stage election ending today.

The poll, for the independent India Today magazine, predicted that Congress would be reduced from a huge majority to 193 seats in the 545-member Parliament — just in front of the opposition National Front alliance.

"This exit poll suggests that when the results come in during the next two to three days, for the first time in its history India will

dhli, India's beloved independence leader.

The opposition demanded a repoll and the election commission sent a four-man team to Amethi to investigate. The decision came in the wee hours today after a marathon meeting; revoting was ordered for 98 booths in the district on Monday.

The commission also sacked two top police officers who had supervised the vote.

The decision dealt a stunning blow to the prestige of Rajiv Gandhi, the 45-year-old former

### Hung Parliament likely

have a "hung" parliament with no single party or front having a clear majority," it said.

Most of India — the world's biggest electorate — has already voted in elections which have claimed 100 lives. Sunday's poll is in Punjab and Sikkim states and parts of Bihar.

The India Today predictions would give Rajiv, who won 415 seats in 1984 elections, a slim chance of forming a government if he could tempt a small regional ally into a coalition.

Such a result would almost

airline pilot who became prime minister on a wave of sympathy following the Oct 31, 1984, assassination of his mother, prime minister Indira Gandhi.

Vote fraud is a common feature in Indian politics but never had repolling been ordered in the prime minister's own backyard.

Rajiv's position already had been weakened by criticism of his leadership and reports of high-level corruption in his government stemming from a \$1.4 billion weapons deal.

certainly also produce a clamour from the National Front.

Political analysts are consulting constitutional experts and receiving conflicting advice on what would happen.

The argument is over whether President Ramaswamy Venkataraman must call on the leader of the biggest party or the man he thinks has the best chance of forming a stable government.

Venkataraman, normally restricted to ceremonial duties, has said nothing on the subject.

Underlying the debate is wide-

spread fear of serious violence if either side sees the President's decision as unfair.

Vishwanath Pratap Singh, Rajiv's main rival, says he is sure the centrist National Front alliance he put together — with support from two parties to the right and left — and form a government.

Both have said they would not support Congress — at least not with Rajiv at its head. Both have said they want an end to the Nehru dynasty.

Bhabani Sen Gupta, a noted political commentator.

"Already we see signs of Congress people deserting Rajiv."

One example was Pupal Jayakar, a former close associate of the Rajiv clan who resigned Wednesday as Rajiv's adviser for cultural affairs.

"While Amethi is not the central issue, it has horrendous implications, being the prime minister's constituency," she said.

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"The Congress Party is no longer going to be the majority in the next government," the television declared. "Who will form the next government and who will be the next prime minister is going to take some time to determine."

The election was seen as a referendum on Rajiv's leadership since he assumed power on a wave of sympathy following the 1984 assassination of his mother, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, and a surge of hope that he could lead India from its inwardness and toward a new age.

Rajiv's own seat in Parliament was in limbo after the national Election Commission threw out thousands of ballots in his constituency because of vote rigging. A partial re-poll is set for tomorrow.

A poor showing for the Congress Party could trigger a revolt against Rajiv, the grandson of Jawaharlal Nehru, India's first Prime Minister, and bring an end to the dynasty that has governed India for all but 29 months since independence in Britain in 1947.

While the Congress Party was expected to sweep the southern states, it appeared to be in serious trouble in the northern Hindi heartland, its traditional stronghold.

Congress still could emerge as the single largest party, making it the likely choice to try to form the next government of the world's largest democracy. But it would be forced into an uneasy alliance with Hindu fundamentalists or the communists.

BJP leader Lal Krishan Advani said his party would not join Congress in a coalition government. But he also said he would not join a National Front government that included India's Communist Party, another partner in the seat-sharing deal.

Neither would be able to form a government alone and politicians predicted a period of instability and intensive manoeuvring as both try to form a coalition.

"This is a vote for change," said Yashwant Singh, spokesman for the Janata Dal, the largest in the five-party coalition National Front. "The people are clearly voting for a coalition. It is a landmark election."

The parliament has 543 elected seats, but voting was postponed indefinitely in several districts because of incomplete voter lists or candidates' deaths. At least 265 seats are needed to form a government without resorting to a coalition.

The first result went in favour of Janata Dal. Its leader Madhu Dandavate was elected from Rajasthan constituency by over 42,000 votes.

The ruling party would have received humiliating defeat, but for its commendable performance in the southern states, where opposition parties fared badly.

In the opposition ruled states of Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Kerala, the Congress (I) with the help of its allies totally mauled the opposition. The party is likely to get at

### Opposition grabs North

## India gives split verdict

least 115 seats from four southern states — Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Kerala.

The opposition figure, who asked not to be identified, predicted wheeling and dealing even within the five-party National Party if the vote result were that close.

He said it was far from certain that Janata Dal leader V.P. Singh, who brought the alliance together and is the most likely alternative premier to Rajiv, would automatically get the whole alliance's backing.

Neither Congress nor the opposition adopted a platform that calls for major changes in India's domestic or foreign policy.

Rajiv's leadership became the main issue of a bitter campaign.

Reports of vote fraud prompted the Election Commission to order partial repolls in one-fifth of the constituencies. Thousands of ballots were thrown out in Rajiv's own district, where opposition leaders accused the Congress Party of intimidating voters and stuffing ballot boxes.

The Congress Party accepted the decision for a Monday re-poll "under protest," party spokesman Anand Sharma said. He claimed the Election Commission had overlooked vote-rigging by opposition parties in other districts.

The prime minister's opponent angrily rejected the decision and demanded a re-poll of the entire Amethi constituency.

"I and my party are not taking part in the partial re-poll. I refuse to recognise the results of the poll regardless of the results," said Raj Mohan Gandhi.

In both Punjab and Bihar, which voted today, at least 100,000 police and paramilitary troops were deployed.

Sikh separatists in Punjab have killed at least 1,650 people

so far this year, and police feared the militants might try to disrupt the elections.

In Bihar, at least 300 people have been killed in clashes between Hindu and Muslims since mid-October. Another 59 people died in campaign-related violence, including 19 who were shot to death late last night.

At least 27 people were reported injured in scattered clashes between political activists in Punjab and Bihar states today during the third and final round of the polls, in which 524 of Lok Sabha's seats are at stake.

Nearly 60 per cent of some 36 million voters cast ballots under extremely heavy security in Bihar, Punjab and Sikkim for 37 seats being contested in the three northern states.

Ten people including an independent candidate were killed in today's voting in Bihar.

A Congress candidate in neighbouring Uttar Pradesh was killed in what police said was a shoot-out over a land dispute.

The 45-year-old prime minister portrayed the election as a simple choice between stability and chaos. Only the Congress Party — the party of his mother and his grandfather — could provide economic improvement and fight the ethnic and religious tensions threatening the country's unity, he said.

The National Front capitalised on mounting accusations of high-level corruption and ineptitude and promised to provide a new era of honest and efficient leadership.

When he took office five years ago, Rajiv promised to clean up India's notoriously corrupt and inefficient bureaucracy, liberalise the economy and initiate reforms that would attack the country's ancient burdens of poverty and illiteracy and prepare India for the 21st century.

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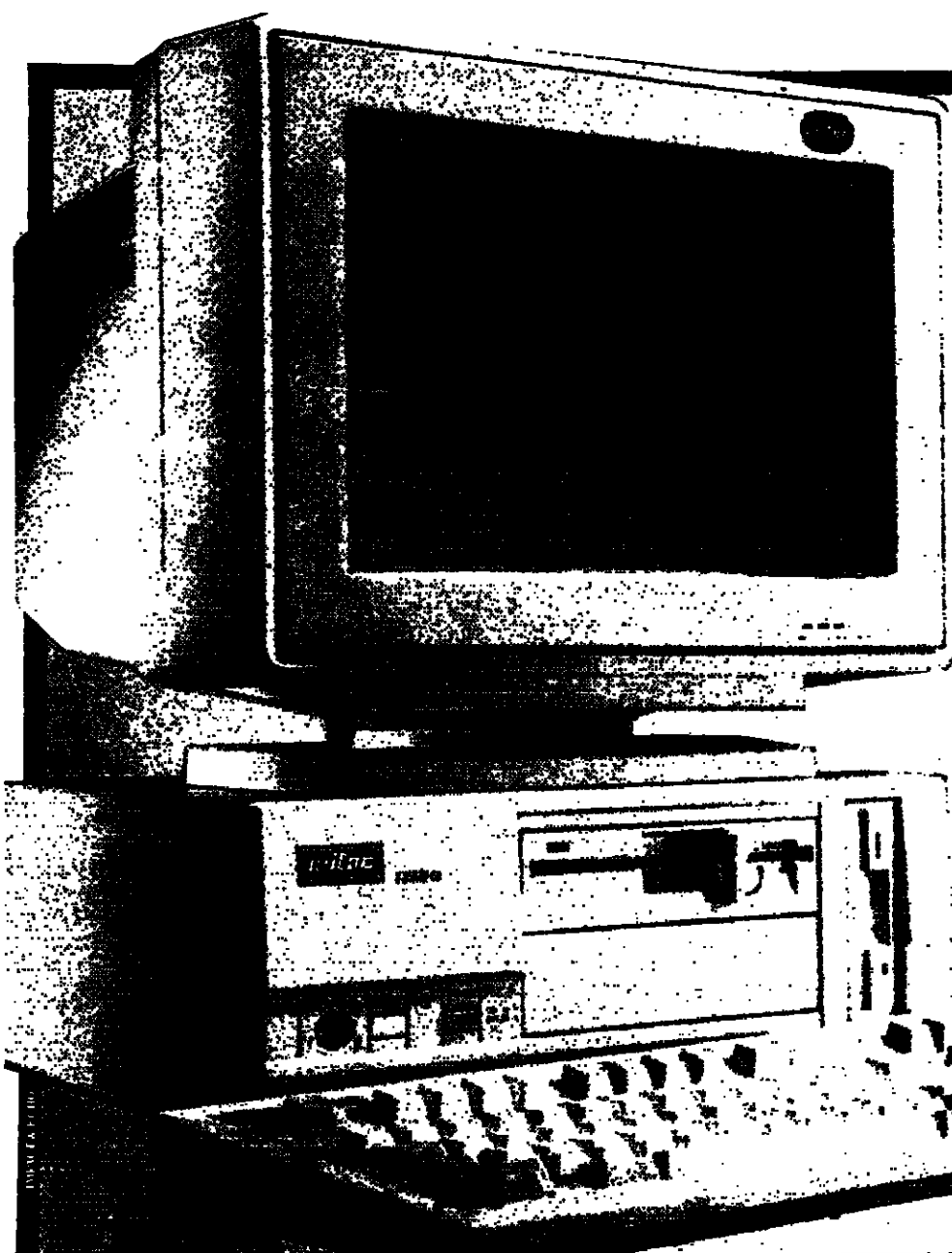
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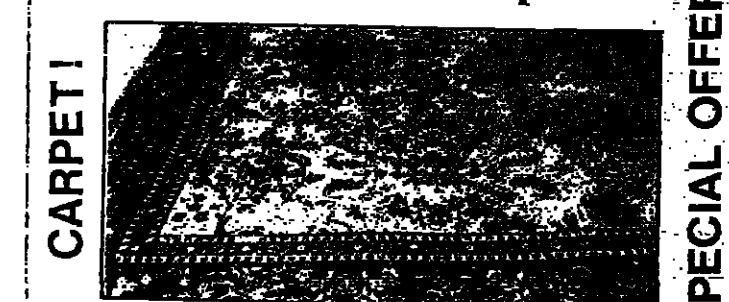
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# Branson vows to try again

## Transpacific flight fails over frost-stricken balloon



Monkey fete

Thousands of tourists watch hundreds of monkeys storm the tables while being treated for a 12-course meal hosted by a local hotel on its first anniversary

Nov 25. The monkeys are symbols of good fortune and a favourite tourist attraction in Lopburi, Thailand. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Aids-infected moms, babies meet

PARIS, Nov 26, (Reuters): For the first time since AIDS began its deadly march, infected mothers and their babies will hold centre-stage at a high-level meeting in Paris tomorrow.

Sticky ethical questions and rarely-pooled scientific work are expected to dominate the four-day conference of 40 health ministers and 600 specialists, entitled "The implications of AIDS for the mother and child."

"This has become a major public health problem that has not gotten close to the attention it merits," said Jonathan Mann, director of the World Health Organization (WHO) global programme on AIDS, at a news conference in October.

WHO says women account for 1.5 million of the

five million people with the virus that causes AIDS. Most live in sub-Saharan Africa or the Caribbean.

Of those who get pregnant, 20 to 60 per cent infect their babies. Eighty per cent of these infants die before they reach five years of age.

"This threatens to counterbalance all the efforts we have made with vaccines against malaria and other diseases," Mann said.

Babies with acquired immune deficiency syndrome, which kills by destroying a body's disease-fighting immune system, show signs of sickness in the first three to six months of life.

Hit by intestinal infections, fever, lung disease, sores, thrush fungus or other malady, the infants are often too weak to move.

MIYAKONOJO, Japan, Nov 26, (AP): Frost damage stopped Richard Branson's attempt to make the first crossing of the Pacific Ocean with a hot-air balloon, but the wealthy British businessman vowed today to try again early next year.

As his immense silver balloon sat sagging on its launch pad before dawn, an equally deflated Branson said he and Swedish-born co-pilot Per Lindstrand were forced to call off the flight at the last minute.

"I must say how terribly sorry I am," Branson told a crowd of about 5,000 who had trudged up a long, hilly road to the launch site.

Many in the crowd had waited on a slope above the launch area for more than eight hours to see the liftoff, which had been delayed more than three hours and then cancelled just moments before the rescheduled launch time of 5:30 am local time (2030 GMT).

Although temperatures hovered just above freezing, the site had a carnival atmosphere. Helicopters flashed floodlights on to the crowd and flight sponsors gave away food from refreshment booths.

But as the final countdown seconds ticked away just before dawn, Branson, dressed in a fireproof flight suit, walked dejectedly from the balloon to tell reporters the liftoff had been scrapped.

Frost had stuck parts of the balloon to the ground when it was laid out on Friday night, and when it was inflated last night the fabric ripped, he explained.

"Repair work is going to be quite severe," he said, looking out to the field where his balloon was shriveled and lying on its side. "But we will be back in January or February, and I hope at that time we have better luck."

Branson said later the Virgin Otsuka Pacific Flyer might not have made it to the United States because laminate had peeled off the balloon, which would have caused it to lose heat during the trip.

"The difficulty with a balloon is that it only has one life. It takes 11 hours to inflate and in 11 hours the weather can change," he said.

Only a few hours earlier, Branson, 39, and Lindstrand, 41, had been confident that they would be the first hot-air balloonists to cross the Pacific and could ride the jet stream higher, faster and further than any other hot-air balloonist before.



Left: Millionaire adventurer Richard Branson (top) and co-pilot Per Lindstrand near their hot-air balloon in Miyakonojo, Japan Nov 25. Branson announced they were cancelling their attempted crossing of the Pacific due to problems with the balloon.



Right: Branson puts his arm around co-pilot Lindstrand's shoulder as Lindstrand explains to reporters the problems which arose with their balloon. (Reuters wirephotos)

SANTA MONICA, California: Zsa Zsa Gabor left her Bel-Air estate to go on a supermarket shopping spree to buy 100 turkeys for the disadvantaged.

The one-time Hungarian beauty queen, facing three days in jail for slapping a Beverly Hills police officer, shivered in the frozen food section on Wednesday.

"Where are our turkeys? I'm getting cold. This place is freezing. Where's the manager?" the actress said.

The turkeys were delivered to a Venice shelter that helps poor, elderly and homeless people. Miss Gabor also donated 120 sweaters and \$200. (AP)

LAS VEGAS, Nevada: A new casino had barely opened its doors when a 76-year-old retired man broke the bank for \$4.6 million after borrowing \$20 from his former wife to feed the one-dollar slot machine.

Elmer Sherwin hit the jackpot on Wednesday night only nine hours after the new Las Vegas hotel-casino, the Mirage, opened for business. He played a slot machine for 90 minutes before coming up the big winner.

Sherwin spent \$80 of his own money, then borrowed \$20 from former wife Florence to continue playing, a Mirage spokesman said. The \$4.6 million jackpot was the largest payoff in Las Vegas history but did not surpass the Nevada record of \$6.8 million won in Reno. (AP)

OMAHA, Nebraska: Police arrested a teenager accused of shooting two passengers on Saturday on a crowded city bus.

"It all happened pretty quick," police Sgt Robert Frock said. There was a brief exchange of words between the two victims and the suspect after one of the victims asked the suspect to shut an open window.

Police identified the suspect as Kirkland Woods, 17. The wounded, Frank Taylor, 27, and Raymond Hayes, 21, were reported in stable condition at St Joseph Hospital, police said.

Frock said "four to five shots" were fired on the bus carrying 25 to 30 passengers and that the gunman fled through the rear door. The suspect was arrested about two blocks away while getting into a taxi. (UPI)

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia: Nova Scotia's highest court has upheld the largest fine ever imposed by a Canadian court on an American for illegally fishing in Canadian waters.

Masael Augusto Vieira, 24, of Massachusetts, Ord, Mass., was fined \$200,000 earlier this year after pleading guilty to illegally fishing for scallops on the Canadian side of Georges Bank on June 21. He also admitted ignoring orders to stop his vessel and forfeited \$16,000 worth of scallops.

EDGARTOWN, Massachusetts: Violinist Eugene Fodor gave a benefit performance on Saturday across the street from the courthouse where he was sentenced last month on a drug-related charge.

Fodor began with the Sonata in G Minor by Johann Sebastian Bach. He dedicated the concert before an appreciative audience of about 75 people at a church to a co-founder of alcoholics anonymous.

NEW YORK: When British actor Stewart Granger makes his Broadway debut this week in "The Circle," he will be playing a role that comes easily.

"I really play myself in this role. An old man who loves beautiful young women," Granger says.

The 76-year-old actor said in an interview for this weekend's Parade magazine that he works these days only when he needs the money, but added that roles for men his age are scarce.

"There aren't many (parts), and they'll go to Jason Roberts and Bert Lancaster and Kirk Douglas before me. Most of my pals are dead, David Niven, James Mason, Mike Wilding. (AP)

MINEOLA, New York: A man died from injuries he sustained when he slipped into an icy partially filled swimming pool in his backyard, apparently trying to save his Cocker Spaniel, Nassau county police said on Saturday.

Edward Hissner, 66, of Glenn Head, New York, was floating unconscious in the water for 45 minutes on Thursday afternoon before he was discovered by his wife Charlotte, who walked into the backyard when she spotted the soaking wet dog walking near the pool, said officer Bill Reszel, a police spokesman.

## 2 Britons selected for Anglo-Soviet space project

LONDON, Nov 26, (AP): A British man and woman were selected yesterday to go to the Soviet Union to train for an Anglo-Soviet commercial space mission. One is to become the first Briton in space.

Maj. Timothy Mace, 34, and Helen Sharman, 26, were chosen from among 13,000 hopefuls who answered newspaper advertisements. Their selection from a shortlist of four was announced yesterday by the Jumo space mission in Moscow and relayed in a live

television broadcast to Britain.

Mace, an advanced instructor in helicopters in the army air corps, is Britain's freefall parachuting champion.

Miss Sharman researches the chemical and physical properties of chocolate for the Mars candy company and is studying for a doctorate of philosophy in the luminousness of rare earth ions.

Both will train, but only one will join two Soviet cosmonauts on the eight-day mission

Jumo, scheduled for April 1991. The other in an understudy.

The mission is the first commercial space flight and is being financed by international companies.

Two "semi-finalists" not chosen yesterday were Royal Navy Dr Gordon Brooks, 33, and Clive Smith, a 27-year-old college lecturer. They are to continue as part of the Jumo team but will remain in Britain.

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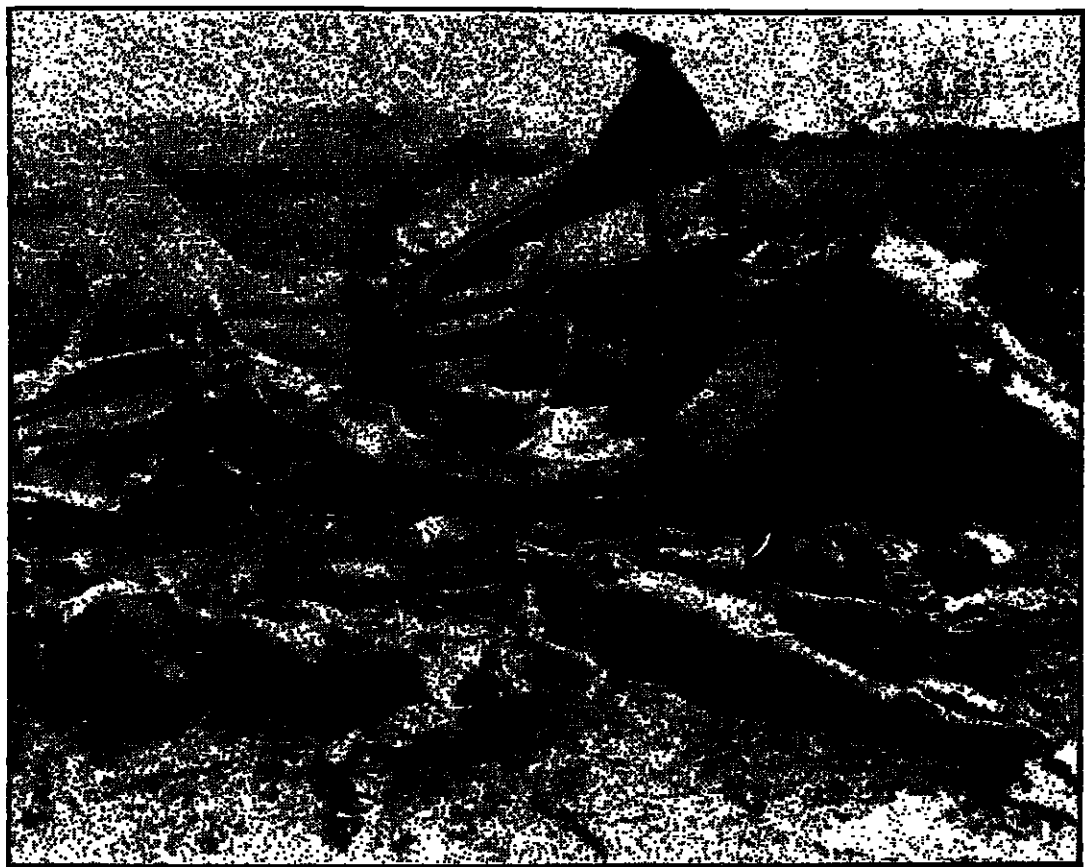
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### Arms won't reach rebels

The wreckage of a plane carrying arms for leftist Salvadoran rebels after it crashed in Piedra Pacha. Salvadoran military said the arms were from Nicaragua. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Escobar ineffective, claims Bogota

BOGOTA, Nov 26, (AP): Police officials yesterday defended their failure to capture reputed cocaine baron Pablo Escobar after reportedly encircling him with hundreds of troops, saying the raid damaged Colombia's powerful drug cartel.

"The operation was not a failure," police operations chief Gen Octavio Vargas reportedly said. His statements appeared in yesterday's edition of La Prensa, a Bogota daily.

It quoted Vargas as saying that Wednesday's raid on Escobar's hideout 70 miles (110 kilometres) east of Medellin was a strong blow to the alleged trafficker's organisation.

Police and army troops killed two gunmen, wounded 10 others, and arrested 55 people in the raid on a jungle camp near Escobar's Naples Ranch in Antioquia state.

Vargas said Friday in a live radio broadcast that Escobar, a reputed leader of the Medellin Cartel, had fled on foot into the jungle when police struck. He added that another leader of the powerful cartel, Jorge Luis Ochoa, may have accompanied Escobar.

The police official reportedly told La Prensa that as a result of the raid, Escobar had become a "solitary man" who no longer could trust anyone. Vargas had said earlier that the raid resulted from a tip from a Colombian citizen seeking the \$300,000 reward for information leading to Escobar's capture.

Bogota's leading daily newspaper, El Tiempo, quoted police sources as saying several suspects captured in the operation had offered to trade information in exchange for leniency.

Police reportedly seized important documents, including plans to attack the country's oil industry and posters offering over \$2 million for the assassination of two senior police officials.

El Tiempo said police also found several letters from Colombian congressmen expressing support for the traffickers.

Several leading members of Congress repeatedly have called for negotiations with the traffickers since the government intensified a crackdown against the country's drug dealers on Aug 19.

A presidential communique said police also seized 10 automobiles, two boats, weapons, ammunition and communications equipment in the attack on the ranch near where the Cocora River empties into the Magdalena.

La Prensa said that despite police claims of success, an investigation was expected to pinpoint official responsibility for the failure to capture Escobar and Ochoa. The paper did not cite a source for the report.

Police raided a drug laboratory and seized over five tonnes of cocaine after a gun battle in the biggest Mexican drug seizure this year, the official state news agency Notimex said yesterday.

Four policemen were injured, two of them seriously, in the shootout at the laboratory.

The US coast guard said yesterday it seized 350 pounds (159 kilograms) of cocaine from a converted fishing vessel in waters south of Puerto Rico.

Spokesman Alan Burd said in a statement that coast guard officials arrested the ship's unidentified American captain and crew of four Colombians after receiving the captain's permission to board the vessel Friday night.

## Salvador cuts Nicaragua ties

### Rebel arms jet crashes

SAN SALVADOR, Nov 26, (AP): President Alfredo Cristiani broke diplomatic and commercial relations with Nicaragua today to protest alleged smuggling of weapons to leftist Salvadoran guerrillas.

Cristiani announced the break in a nationally televised address a day after military authorities discovered two light aircrafts delivering weapons to the rebels.

One plane crashed in eastern El Salvador and army troops recovered sophisticated weapons, including 25 surface-to-air missiles.

The other apparently was able to unload its cargo after landing in the southern part of the country, but it was unable to take off either for lack of fuel or other reasons, and was set on fire by its crew which then fled.

Cristiani said El Salvador could no longer put up with what he termed "the interference, the treacherous action" of Nicaragua's President Daniel Ortega.

Salvadoran military officers said the two planes loaded with weapons had taken off from Nicaragua, and Cristiani seconded their allegations.

"The FMLN owes no loyalty to the Salvadoran people. It is only loyal to the communist dictator Ortega and Castro," Cristiani said, also referring to Cuba's communist President Fidel Castro.

Cristiani called the leftist guerrilla leaders "puppets of communist aggression."

He also blasted Ortega and Castro for what he said was their refusal to join the wave of liberalisation sweeping much of the communist world.

"They are the only two who keep trying to impose themselves by means of the gun," Cristiani said.

Cristiani said that as part of his



A Salvadoran soldier cradles a baby in his arms as he chats with the parents in the suburb of Ciudad Delgado.

government's protest, he would not attend a summit of the five Central American presidents scheduled for next month in Nicaragua.

Earlier Salvadoran army press office announced that the plane, which apparently ran out of fuel, crashed at about 5.30 am (1030 GMT) after taking off from Managua.

It said the red, white and blue plane, piloted by Nicaraguan soldiers in military uniforms, plunged to the ground as it approached a small airstrip near the town of Villa El Tránsito, 74 miles (120 km) east of San Salvador.

A Reuters photograph taken at the scene showed one of the men wearing civilian clothes, including a red T-shirt.

"The flight plan specifies that the plane left from Nicaragua en route to El Salvador," the communique said. "This new incident is proof of Nicaraguan meddling in El Salvador's internal affairs."

In Managua, the Foreign Ministry had no comment on the crash reports. Nicaraguan Defence Ministry spokesman could not immediately be reached for comment.

The army communique said the Cessna's cargo included 24 Soviet-made Sam-7 missiles, a US-made Redeye ground-to-air, heat-seeking missile and a 75mm anti-tank gun.

Americas Watch, a leading international human rights group, has accused the US government of covering up crimes committed by El Salvador's armed forces in its war against left-wing guerrillas.

The charge was part of an 84-page report—released simultaneously in New York and San Salvador at the weekend.

A cleaning woman who is the only known witness to the massacre of six Jesuit priests in El Salvador shipped into Miami with help from diplomats of four nations, officials said.

The woman took shelter at the Spanish embassy in San Salvador after the Nov 16 killings during renewed violence in the nation's decade-long civil war. Late Thursday, she flew with her husband and daughter to Miami aboard a French military plane, officials said.

Los Angeles Archbishop Roger Mahony, head of the largest Roman Catholic archdiocese in the United States, delivered a plane load of medical supplies to El Salvador yesterday and presented a letter of hope to Salvadoran churchmen.

Venezuelan President Carlos Andres Perez said neither the Salvadoran government nor the leftist rebels have the "political will" to find a negotiated solution to the country's bloody conflict.

## New poll shows Collor de Mello will win

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, Nov 26, (AP): A poll released yesterday gave rightist Fernando Collor de Mello a comfortable lead in the race for the Brazilian presidency.

Collor de Mello, the former governor of the poor northeastern state of Alagoas, had 48 per cent support in a survey conducted by the prestigious Datafolha Polling Institute.

Socialist Luis Inacio Lula Da Silva, a federal congressman and ex-union leader running on the ticket of the Marxist-oriented Workers Party, was backed by 39 per cent of respondents.

On Nov 15, Collor de Mello won a first-round multiparty balloting with 28 per cent of the votes while Da Silva took second with 16 per cent. No candidate received a majority, and so a run-off was set for Dec 17.

The nation-wide poll was conducted between Wednesday and Friday and surveyed 5,716 people. The margin of error was 2 per cent.

Seven per cent of respondents were undecided while 6 per cent said they would annul their ballot. Voting is mandatory in Brazil for 18- to 69-year-olds.

# Boat people face expulsion soon

LONDON, Nov 26, (AP): Britain will soon start compulsory repatriation of substantial numbers of Vietnamese boat people from Hong Kong despite strong opposition from the United States, the Sunday Telegraph reported. It said the first deportations could be before Christmas, quoting a "senior Whitehall source" in the London east of government.

The government was bracing itself "for a storm of international condemnation, led by the

United States, when the first shiploads of Vietnamese are sent back," the weekly said.

The task of herding the refugees on to ships will be given to the Gurkha mercenaries serving with the British army in the colony, the report said. It added that contingency plans have been made for police to quell rioting in the crowded refugee camps.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, who had to argue with US objections in her Friday meet-

ing with US President George Bush at Camp David, maintains that most of the 57,000 Vietnamese are not genuine refugees.

Thatcher and her officials assert that the Vietnamese are simply seeking a better life and are therefore illegal immigrants in Hong Kong, which could not continue taking them because it is so densely populated.

Meanwhile, more than 2,000 Vietnamese, facing possible forced repatriation, have begun

a hunger strike in two detention centres, a government spokesman reported today.

The spokesman, speaking on condition of anonymity, said 62 Vietnamese boat people staying at the Phoenix House detention centre refused food yesterday.

They were joined by 2,000 other Vietnamese at the Chimaewon detention centre, the spokesman said.

## Maggie should quit: poll shows

LONDON, Nov 26, (AP): New opinion polls published today showed Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and her governing Conservative Party in deep trouble with the voters.

A Harris Poll in the Observer indicated two-thirds of voters felt Thatcher should quit before the next general election, due by mid-1992.

A survey by Market Opinion and Research International (MORI) in the Sunday Times reported the opposition Labour Party had a 14 point lead and 51 per cent of the vote, Labour's best figures since Thatcher came to power 10 years ago.

The conservatives had 37 per cent support and minor parties shared the remaining 12 per cent.

The figures mean that if an election took place now, the Conservative majority of 100 seats in the 650-seat House of Commons would be completely reversed in a Labour landslide.

Step down Mori also reported 23 per cent of all conservatives would like their leader to step down.

Michael Heseltine, a former defence minister, was identified by 30 per cent of all voters in the Mori survey as the conservative leader they would prefer to take them into the next election, while Thatcher had the support of 22 per cent, a reversal of their ratings two months ago.

Both polls took place over two days last week among a national sample of nearly 1,100 voters. Neither survey reported any margin of error.

Labour moved ahead of the Conservatives in the polls in the spring amid widespread dissatisfaction over rising inflation and intended changes in the national health service.

Thatcher has won three general elections and become the longest serving British prime minister in this century. As criticism of her leadership mounted within her party, she said last week she was prepared to lead it into a fourth and even a fifth election.

This week sees the first ballot for the Conservative leadership since Thatcher became leader in 1975.

Sir Anthony Meyer, a constant critic of cabinet policies and the only Tory lawmaker to oppose Britain going to war with Argentina over the Falkland Islands in 1982, said he will stand against her to test feeling about the leadership among his fellow legislators.

They are the only party members entitled to vote on the issue.

The Communist Party of Great Britain, beset by steady losses in membership, began its biennial congress yesterday with a call for open debate on changes necessary for survival.

Martin Jacques, a member of the party's executive committee and editor of the magazine Marxism Today, told delegates, "we have been overtaken by history."

The startling pace of change in Eastern Europe has given a new urgency to the debate on the party's future, and represents a crisis for modern socialism, he said.

"Everywhere, we seem to be in some kind of retreat. Market forces are expanding, East and West. The traditional notions of planning are largely in retreat. Social ownership has not delivered the goods," Jacques said.

But socialism was also about interdependence, solidarity, co-operation and equality, he said.

The hardline Communist Party of Britain, which broke away in 1987 over the original party's revisionist outlook, met last weekend and announced it welcomed the changes in Eastern Europe.

# Apartheid doomed, admits de Klerk

## Hints at Mandela release: Sisulu rally tear-gassed

NEW YORK, Nov 26, (Agencies): South African President F. W. de Klerk says his country's ruling white minority has accepted that apartheid cannot succeed and that all South Africans must have a vote.

In an interview published in the latest edition of Newsweek magazine, De Klerk also said his National Party government was continuing to consider releasing jailed nationalist leader Nelson Mandela.

"The past 10 years was a crucial period during which it was realised by many that apartheid must succeed," said De Klerk, who was elected by whites last September on a reformist platform.

"The National Party has now accepted that all South Africans—black, white, coloured (mixed race) and Indian—will permanently share power," De Klerk told Newsweek.

"All South Africans must have a vote. We must get away from white domination, in as much as it exists," he added.

However, De Klerk said he did not accept this in exchange for a situation where the white minority of five million or some other minority was dominated.

De Klerk told Newsweek this government was ready to negotiate

with Mandela's African National Congress (ANC), the main group fighting to end white minority rule, and that the time had come for international community to support its efforts to change.

He said the release of Mandela, who has been in jail for more than a quarter of a century, was "under constant consideration."

"But our approach has all along been that we would like to see not only Mandela, but also all other leading figures in radical organisations, including the ANC, move towards a situation where there will be a commitment to peaceful solutions," he said. "Should that occur, yes there's a place at the negotiating table for them," he said.

The Pretoria government has consistently demanded that the ANC renounce violence.

De Klerk, who released seven of Mandela's colleagues after being elected President, said he had not met Mandela, but some of his ministers had engaged in what he called "loose" negotiations with him.

Asked when South African 30 million blacks will be free, De Klerk said: "As soon as possible is the short answer. Black people will be free the moment that we can reach an accord. Therefore, the top priority is to get the process going. Our goal is to ensure that all the citizens of this country will become first-class citizens."

De Klerk said he did not know how long the changes would take to negotiate and implement because it was impossible to predict when all South Africa's problems could be solved.

Meanwhile, veteran black activists including Walter Sisulu were tear-gassed by police on the eve of a mass rally in South Africa's black Transkei homeland today. Two people were shot dead.

The South African Press Association said police fired ten tear-gas canisters into a church hall.

South African human rights lawyers demanded today the immediate prosecution of 11 serving and retired policemen in connection with allegations about a police assassination squad.

More than 100 influential South Africans embark this week on the first broad-based talks aimed at fashioning their country's future.

Leading figures of all races from a cross section of South African society and members of the ANC began arriving in Paris for the week-long conference which starts tomorrow.

## One-party Zimbabwe opposed

HARARE, Zimbabwe, Nov 26, (AP): Zimbabwe's Roman Catholic bishops expressed opposition today to President Robert Mugabe's aim of transforming one of Africa's few Western-style democracies into a one-party state.

The seven prelates, in a pastoral statement titled "solidarity and service," said the 9 million people of Zimbabwe must be allowed to decide their own political destinies.

"Let us always remember that the people have the right to give the leaders of their choice the power of government, just as they have the right to take away from them," said the statement, issued by the Catholic bishop's conference.

The prelates also urged the socialist government to include iron-clad guarantees for freedom.



The mother and brothers of slain ANC guerrilla Anton Fransch at his funeral. Fransch was killed by police last week. (Reuter wirephoto)



South African riot police fire tear gas at mourners after the funeral of Fransch in the township of Bonthehuwel. (Reuter wirephoto)

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**Study on radioactive waste:** American states are pushing for more low-level radioactive waste dumps than the nation needs or probably can afford, according to a federal report to Congress.

The office of technology assistance, which reviews scientific matters for Congress, concluded that too many low-level radioactive waste sites have been proposed at a time when less and less of that waste is being produced.

The report is expected to bolster the arguments of opponents to radioactive waste sites proposed in such states as Michigan, North Carolina and New York. (AP)

**RMAF personnel under probe:** The Anti-Corruption Agency (ACA) is investigating possible wrong-doings by some Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMF) personnel in the award of contracts for the supply and service of aircraft parts.

According to a report today, several senior officers, including a brigadier-general, were picked up for questioning over the past week.

The report in the Malaysian leading weekly the Sunday Times said an ACA team had also taken documents from the officers' homes. (Kuna)

**Construction to proceed:** Plans to erect Africa's tallest building, a 60-storey complex for Kenya's ruling party in central Nairobi, will go ahead despite protests, President Daniel Arap Moi was quoted on Sunday as saying.

Speaking on his return from visits to West Germany and Britain yesterday, Moi said fears that the building, in Nairobi's City Park, would damage the environment were unjustified.

He was quoted by the Sunday Times, which is owned by his Kikuyu Party, as saying the few people opposing the new building "have an insect in their heads." (Reuter)

**Funeral held for slain reporter:** About 300 mourners packed a church Saturday to remember a newspaper reporter slain in Peru while investigating narcotics and terrorism there.

The FBI has joined the probe into the slaying of Todd C. Smith, 28, of the Tampa Tribune, the newspaper reported.

"He went for the story," Ruel W. Tyson Junior, a friend of Smith's family, told mourners at the funeral at St. John's Episcopal church. "You see, it was part of his calling, his assignment. Risk is a part of reporting."

Smith had been on vacation. His body was found Tuesday in the remote town of Uchiza, with a placard nearby denouncing "North American spies." An autopsy revealed his neck had been broken and found evidence he had been beaten. (AP)

**Ex-CIA agent tells all:** The former CIA agent whose Iran-Contra case was dismissed last week said his supervisors approved his secret efforts to help the Nicaraguan rebels, according to the New York Times.

Joseph F. Fernandez, former station chief for the Central Intelligence Agency in Costa Rica, told the Times in an interview published today that senior CIA officials who knew about his efforts remained silent and let him take the blame for the agency's role. (AP)

Fernandez said officials who knew of his activities included Elliott Abrams, former assistant secretary of State for Central America, Alan Fiers, former Chief of the CIA's Central America Task Force, and Clair George, the agency's former deputy director of covert operations. (AP)

**30 rebels killed in clashes:** Guerrillas ambushed an army patrol in a mountainous region north of Lima, Peru and 30 rebels and one soldier were killed in the ensuing battle, military officials said on Saturday.

The report said the attack occurred Tuesday morning on a mountain road between the towns of Quivilla and Marías, 170 miles (280 kilometres) north of Lima in Huanuco department.

Two soldiers were wounded in the attack, which ended after two helicopter gunships joined the fight. (AP)

**3 Cuban activists sentenced:** A Havana court sentenced three Cuban human rights activists to prison after convicting them of giving false information to foreign journalists during a drug trial last summer, the Cuban government news service reported.

Elizardo Sanchez, Cuba's most outspoken internal critic, was convicted and given a two-year sentence Friday, Prensa Latina reported. Hiram Abi Cobes and Hubert Jerez were sentenced to 18 months each.

The prosecution had asked for prison terms of three or four years for the three activists. (AP)

**Uruguayans go to polls:** Uruguayans went to the polls on Sunday to replace President Julio M. Sanguinetti and both houses of Congress, with many saying their main concern was investigating an economy that has been in decline for three decades.

"When we look at the outside world, there have been tremendous advances," said Marcos Larghero, 47, a graphic designer. "The opposite has occurred here. We deteriorate a little bit each year."

At stake are the presidency and vice presidency, along with seats of 30 senators, 99 deputies, plus governments in 19 departments, or provinces.







## INTERNATIONAL

# Beijing keeps up US bashing

BEIJING, Nov 26, (AP): China kept up its denunciations today of US congressional action making it easier for Chinese students to stay in the United States, accusing American legislators of "tearing to shreds" Sino-US agreements.

The official Communist Party newspaper People's Daily (Renmin Ribao) lashed out at Congress' approval of a bill designed to protect Chinese students who fear persecution at home following this spring's military crushing of the pro-democracy movement.

"In the past 10 years, the Chinese and US governments and people have engaged in cultural, scientific and educational exchange and co-operation which have achieved gratifying results," the People's Daily said in a front-page commentary.

"But the US Congress passing this so-called emergency bill on Chinese immigration runs counter to the spirit of (bilateral) communications that the US government has itself approved," the People's Daily said. "This kind of wantonness tears to shreds agreements reached by both sides, imposes its will on others, completely violates international law and is a manifestation of power politics."

Hundreds of civilians died in the June 3-4 military crackdown in Beijing, and thousands of Chinese in the United States were among the most vocal demonstrators overseas, denouncing the government crackdown in speeches, rallies and mourning vigils.

Many since have expressed fears of retaliation if they return to China.

The People's Daily noted that under Sino-US agreements, Chinese who study in the United States holding J-1 visas must return to China for two years once their studies end before applying to the United States for a change of visa status.

The bill allows the some 30,000 Chinese students in the United States to apply for a change in visa status within four years of entering the country.

"There are a small number in the US Congress who harbour hostility toward socialist China, and approach Sino-US relations from the point of view of their prejudices," the People's Daily said.

Last Friday, Vice-Foreign Minister Liu Huaqing expressed "utmost indignation" at Congress and threatened an unspecified "strong response" by Beijing.

The government is not investigating people who joined the May-June protests and hunger strike in China, and especially not Chinese students and scholars overseas "who did not understand the true conditions" at the time, the People's Daily said.

"Thus there is no question of any persecution," it said, adding that since June 4, more than 300 Chinese had returned from America on vacation, to visit relatives or on business, and had received "warm welcomes."

The government also is working hard to improve working and living conditions for returnees, and to use their abilities and knowledge to the fullest, the paper said.

In other developments, Beijing city's Communist Party has barred private entrepreneurs from joining its ranks in the latest move to ostracise those working outside the state-controlled socialist system.

The Beijing Daily reported that municipal party officials, in a three-day meeting that ended yesterday, ruled that private businessmen and those who earn livings by exploiting the labour of others will not be allowed to be party members.

The new regulation, proposed by organisation department chief Chen Guangwen, states that private entrepreneurs who are already party members must strictly observe the party line and thought.

A leading Chinese scholar, defying the political upheaval going on in much of the socialist world, contends that capitalism will inevitably give way to socialism and that Marxism "remains the banner of our times."

The essay by Zhang Zhen, president of the China National Defence University, was the latest statement indicating China will not be influenced by events in East Europe or bow to pressures at home for political reform.

China's mass media must emphasise the spirit of the Communist Party and positive party propaganda, a senior member of the party's politburo said yesterday.

# Gorby reaffirms faith in socialism

MOSCOW, Nov 26, (Reuters): With the Soviet Union's East European empire crumbling around him, President Mikhail Gorbachev today reaffirmed his faith in the socialist system and rejected any alternatives as daydreams.

In a treatise covering two-and-a-half pages of the Communist Party daily Pravda, Gorbachev dismissed critics who argue that his "perestroika" programme to renew Soviet society lacks clear-cut ideas for the future.

"I believe it would have been a

serious theoretical mistake if we had tried once again to impose a ready-made scheme on society or to force contemporary realities into a procrustean bed," he said, referring to the robber of Greek mythology who either stretched or dismembered his guests to fit his bed.

"It has never been and cannot be a case of dreaming up some attractive form of society and then trying to adapt life to it. The future does not depend on daydreams, but grows directly from the present contradictions and tendencies of development."

Gorbachev did not refer specifically to developments in Eastern Europe, where mass discontent and protest has succeeded in unseating old guard Communist Party leaders in Poland, Hungary, East Germany, Bulgaria and now Czechoslovakia.

But the publication of the article a week before his summit talks with US President George Bush off the coast of Malta—where East Europe is high on the agenda—showed Gorbachev's anxiety to dispel doubts about the future of socialism.

"We now face the difficult task of

restoring the authority of Marxist ideas and the Marxist approach to realities," he said. "Socialism has yet to prove itself capable of realising the ideals on which it is based."

But he rejected any other course to a civilised and progressive society, saying the transient nature of capitalism had been proven and with it the necessity of moving on to a new stage of social development.

"We now take a wider, deeper and more realistic view of socialism than in the recent past," he said.

"But it remains everlastingly impor-

tant that Marxism, developing socialist ideas, represented socialism as the natural product of the progress of civilisation and the historical creative effort of the people."

While the Soviet leadership has shown itself prepared to tolerate the decline of the Communist Party in Eastern Europe, it is clearly determined to fight a similar process already taking root inside its borders.

The first clear signs emerged in the general election in March, when people across the country took advantage of the first free vote to be offered them

in decades to reject dozens of party and government officials.

In the former independent Baltic republics of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, popular front mass movements campaigning for autonomy and self-determination have largely replaced the Communist Party as the main political force.

The influence of popular front movements has also been growing in the southwestern republics of Moldova and Ukraine and in the troubled Caucasus region.



**Referendum**

A young Hungarian woman has her son cast her vote in a referendum which will decide whether the country will elect a president in January or after multi-party parliamentary elections next spring.



**Angry lady**

An elderly Czech lady addresses an early morning crowd in Wenceslas Square as protests continue. In the background is the statue of Czech patron, Ludmila. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Hungarian polls on polls

BUDAPEST, Nov 26, (Reuters): Hungarians voted today in a referendum which will decide whether the country will elect a president in January or after multi-party parliamentary elections next spring.

The referendum, the first in Hungary's history, is also the first free nationwide vote since the communist takeover more than four decades ago.

The Hungarian Socialist Party, successor to the Communist Party disbanded last month, wants direct presidential elections to be held in January.

Its candidate, Imre Pozsgay, is a popular state minister who has played a large role in spurring Hungary's transition to democracy.

But some opposition parties, which forced a reluctant government to call the referendum by collecting more than 100,000 signatures, say no head of state should be elected before there is a freely elected parliament.

Spearheaded by the radical Alliance of Free Democrats (AFD), they believe a presidential contest before the spring elections would allow ex-communists to control Hungary's emerging democracy.

And although they admit this only privately, they want to stop Pozsgay becoming president.

Pozsgay would have a good chance of being elected in January as he is well-known at a time when opposition politicians are

## Italy to help Soviets make consumer goods

ROME, Nov 26, (Reuters): Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev will sign an agreement with Italy during his visit next week to help Moscow's defence industry produce more consumer goods, the Soviet ambassador to Rome said yesterday.

"The agreement is unique, without precedent with other countries," said Nikolai Lukov.

"Its importance exceeds that of all the agreements that Gorbachev has signed during his trips to Europe this year," he told the Italian news agency Ansa.

## Bulgaria to disband feared secret police unit

VIENNA, Nov 26, (Reuters): Bulgaria's new communist leaders, anxious to show they are reformers, say they will disband a feared secret police unit used to spy on dissidents.

The Communist Party newspaper Rabotnichesko Delo said today the Interior Ministry would abolish its "sixth department," which had been used to "lead the struggle against ideological diversion."

Members of the growing opposition movement said the department was used by ousted hardline party boss Todor Zhivkov to

## EEC focus on East

BRUSSELS, Nov 26, (Reuters): European Economic Community support for change in Eastern Europe will dominate an EEC foreign ministers' meeting tomorrow, eclipsing internal quarrels over monetary union.

Ministers are set to boost measures already in the pipeline for Poland and Hungary, the two countries furthest along a new wave of reform, by making more trade concessions.

The EEC recently signed trade and co-operation accords with Warsaw and Budapest and negotiations for a similar pact with the Soviet Union over the weekend could be clinched by the time ministers meet, EEC officials said.

EEC trade commissioner Frans Andriessen will report on talks with the Soviet Union, and on the scope of negotiations the community is planning with East Germany on a trade accord. He goes there on Dec 4.

Ministers will also review the position of Yugoslavia in the constellation of East European developments before meeting Yugoslav officials the same day.

One diplomat said the EEC was tailoring its approach to each reforming country according to its particular circumstances.

"It's a matter of 'wait and see', rather than 'let's react in the same breath as Poland and Hungary,'" he said.

Yugoslavia, the EEC's leading Mediterranean supplier of industrial goods, sends up to 40 per cent of its total exports to the community.

Once the pioneer among countries trying to switch to more market-oriented economies, Yugoslavia has hit hyper-inflation approaching 1,500 per cent and is now in talks with the International Monetary Fund on tackling its \$17 billion foreign debt.

## Belgrade pardons 45

BELGRADE, Nov 26, (AP): Forty-five political prisoners in Yugoslavia have been pardoned and 55 have had their sentences reduced, but 232 remain in jail, the state news agency Tanjug reported today.

The report quoted Stipe Suvar, member of the country's presidency, as saying all but 22 of those held were ethnic Albanians.

The ethnic Albanians were jailed mainly for "hostile

activities" in Kosovo, the least developed Yugoslav region. Public protests are now banned in the province.

Suvar told Tanjug that as of June, there were 399 political prisoners in the country. He said that disproved "false and malicious assertions" that "Yugoslavia's prisons are full of political prisoners."

Jailed political prisoners include "about 10 spies," he said.

Parliament decided last month that the head of state would be directly elected by the population only if the vote took place before parliamentary elections.

## Ukraine cry for church

MOSCOW, Nov 26, (AP): Tens of thousands of Ukrainians demonstrated in three cities today to demand legalisation of the Ukrainian Catholic church, banned by Josef Stalin 43 years ago, Moscow-based activists reported.

The Ukrainian protest was timed to put pressure on Soviet authorities before Friday's meeting between Mikhail Gorbachev and Pope John Paul II at the Vatican, the first encounter between a Kremlin leader and the head of Roman Catholicism.

Anatoly Dotsenko, a Moscow-based member of the human rights watchdog Ukrainian Helsinki group, said the group's sources in three cities—Lvov, Chernovtsy and Ivano-Frankovsk—reported demonstrations attended by "tens of thousands."

The Rome-based head of the Ukrainian church, Cardinal Myroslav Lubachivsky, had called for a day of prayer and fasting Sunday for legalisation of the church.

"In the coming day, the fate of our church will be decided," the prelate also wrote in a letter to Ukrainian Catholics.

The status of the church is expected to be a central topic in the Vatican talks held by Gorbachev and John Paul.

The Ukrainian church was forcibly merged with the Russian Orthodox church by Stalin in 1946. However, the church continued to operate underground and in the past two years Ukrainian Catholics have come out into the open to demand official recognition from Moscow.

According to Western estimates, there are more than 4 million Catholics in the Ukraine.

# Czech premier to consider reforms

400,000 demonstrate

PRAGUE, Nov 26, (Reuters): Czechoslovak Prime Minister Ladislav Adamec promised a huge rally of anti-government protesters today he would urge the Communist Party to consider their calls for democracy.

Adamec addressed the flag-waving crowd of 400,000 demonstrators on the snow-swept Letna parade ground hours after being handed a list of demands during face-to-face talks with opposition leaders.

"There is no time for disagreement and fights for prestige," Adamec said. "People will judge us by our ability to overcome the past."

Vowing to do away with shortcomings, the premier, 63, declared: "I will present all the demands to today's session of the central committee and I will insist they be considered in detail."

Adamec and senior party officials held talks with a nine-member delegation from civic forum headed by banned playwright Vaclav Havel ahead of a central committee session due today evening, the decision-making body's second crisis meeting in three days.

Speaking after Adamec on the 10th successive day of mass protests against communist rule, ousted party leader Alexander Dubcek called on the Czechoslovak party, the Soviet Union and its Warsaw Pact allies to renounce the 1968 invasion that crushed the "Prague Spring" reform movement he led.

Adamec quit his politburo and government posts on Friday, although he is staying on as caretaker premier.

Opposition leaders have called for popular support for Adamec, saying he is engaged in a battle with party hardliners.

"There is only one constitutional official who can lead the country out of crisis," said the Prime Minister, Oskar Krejsi, told Reuters referring to Adamec.

But the government chief was met with cries of "resign" by many in the crowd. When Dubcek spoke, he was hailed with chants of "Dubcek in the castle," signifying a desire for him to replace Gustav Husak who as president resides in Prague castle.

Speaking of the invasion and its traumatic aftermath, Dubcek said: "For 20 years we have lived under humiliating conditions." He appealed to the central committee to "part with all this once and for all."

"We haven't met before," Adamec told Havel as the talks began. Only a month ago the premier dismissed Havel as an "absolute zero." The opposition leader was released from prison in May after serving four months for his part in anti-government protests in January.

The talks lasted an hour and the two sides agreed to meet again on Tuesday.

"I rejoice over the fact that there was a Czechoslovak flag at the centre of the table," said Havel, after the meeting in the Obecní Dum (house of the people). A splendid art nouveau building in the centre of the capital.

The civic forum representatives presented Adamec with demands they said should be met by Tuesday.

These included the release of all political prisoners, an end to censorship and an independent inquiry into security force violence against peaceful demonstrators on Nov 17.

Czechoslovakia's general prosecutor has determined the security force attack to be "inappropriate and overly harsh" and suggested possible criminal proceedings, a student leader announced to the rally after meeting state representatives.

"The orders (for such an attack) can only be issued by unit commanders but only by high party and state officials," an unidentified riot police officer then told the demonstrators.

Civic Forum has asked for 18 prisoners to be released.

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# Youth group breaks away

E. German party's hold loosens

EAST BERLIN, Nov 26, (Reuters): East Germany's mass youth federation has declared its independence from communist control, accelerating a breakdown of the party's authority in the face of relentless pressure for democratic reform.

The two million-strong Free German Youth (FDJ), for 40 years the ruling party's means of inculcating Marxist-Leninism in the young, broke with the past after electing a new reform-minded leader on Friday.

Frank Tuerkowsky, elevated to the top after communist hardliner Eberhard Aurich resigned under fire, told reporters at the weekend the FDJ now viewed itself as an organisation "independent of parties."

"A separation from the SED (Communist Party) has been consummated at our own initiative," said Tuerkowsky, 30, previously the FDJ's Dresden district chief.

He said the FDJ was committed to a democratic socialism and "anti-fascism" but would no longer serve as "a fighting reserve" of the SED, a reference to the martial training hitherto required of federation members.

Explaining the motivations behind the FDJ's drastic move, Tuerkowsky said young people had been leaving the movement in droves recently. About 25 per cent of the FDJ's 2,000,000 members in the Dresden area had quit recently.

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official media, promised competitive elections and market-oriented economic reforms, and opened the borders for travel to the West.

But the fact that the party resisted democratic changes until it was besieged by street demonstrations this autumn has left it unable to regain credibility regardless of the many concessions it has since made.

With its proclamation of autonomy, the FDJ apparently intended to dissociate itself from the party's unpopularity and rescue its image among the young, analysts said.

From East Germany's founding in 1949, FDJ membership had been a virtually indispensable stepping stone to a university education and a promising career.

Initially led by Honecker and later by Krenz, the FDJ was the party's key instrument for indoctrinating youth to be good communists in all walks of life and combating Western sources of bourgeois culture.

A high-ranking East German communist says the party has lost 200,000 members since September, in another sign of trouble for the embattled leadership struggling to gain popular support.

Communist Party chief Egon Krenz, meanwhile, says that he doesn't think socialism is "dead."

In a report in the weekend edition of the official party newspaper Neues Deutschland, central committee Heinz Mirschin said the party had lost about 10 per cent of its membership in the last two months.

Thousands of military conscripts are working in East German factories and mines to fill jobs left vacant by this year's mass exodus of young workers to the West, according to an army reservist.

The reservist, a private interviewed by Reuters during a one-day visit to West Berlin, could give no figure for the total number of conscripts assigned to industry.

Masked militants hurling bottles clashed with hundreds of police yesterday after a protest march by 15,000 leftists turned violent.

Ten police officers and at least one militant were injured and eight people were arrested, police said.

A West German news magazine has reported that Lawrence Eagleburger, US deputy secretary of state, said he thinks eventual German reunification is inevitable.

The essay by Zhang Zhen, president of the China National Defence University, was the latest statement indicating China will not be influenced by events in East Europe or bow to pressures at home for political reform.

China's mass media must emphasise the spirit of the Communist Party and positive party propaganda, a senior member of the party's politburo said yesterday.



Havel emerges from a meeting with Adamec.

## Greek film wins top honour

PARIS, Nov 26, (AP): Greek director Theo Angelopoulos won the best film prize for "Landscape in the Mist" in this year's European film awards, better known as the "Cannes."

The prize awarded to Angelopoulos late yesterday at a theatre on the Champs Elysees was the highlight of the second annual awards competition among film makers from 27 countries.

A jury headed by Swedish actress Liv Ullmann picked the story about two boys searching for their father ahead of the Soviet Union's "Little Vera," Frenchman Philippe Noiret won the best actor prize for performances in the French film "Life and Nothing Else" and the Franco-Italian "Paradise Cinema." The same films also won special prizes from the jury for artistic merit.



# US may cut aid to FAO

NEW YORK, Nov 26, (Reuters): The United States is threatening to sharply cut funds to a United Nations agency if it agrees to co-operate with the PLO in developing agriculture in the Israeli-occupied territories, the New York Times reported in its Sunday edition.

The agency, the Rome-based UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), has a 1990 budget of about \$270 million and receives about 25 per cent of it from the United States, the Times said.

Arab members have introduced a resolution in the agency's governing general conference calling on the FAO to work with the

Palestine Liberation Organisation in agricultural development in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The Times quoted administration officials as saying the United States would immediately cut payments to the agency if the resolution passes. "They would go to the bottom of the heap," one unnamed official was quoted as saying. The officials said France appears ready to back the resolution.

The United States has blocked campaigns to have the United Nations and some of its agencies recognise the PLO as a government since the Palestine National Council declared

a Palestinian state in the occupied territories last year.

The resolution, due for a vote tomorrow, asks the organisation to "provide the Palestinian people with the assistance necessary for their economic development in close co-operation with the Palestine Liberation Organisation."

It says "the practices of the Israeli occupying authorities impede the basic requirements for the development of the economy of the occupied Palestinian territories."

US officials could not immediately be reached for comment on the newspaper report.

## Iran to hold naval exercise

NICOSIA, Nov 26, (AP): The head of the Iranian Navy said yesterday his naval forces and the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps will conduct joint manoeuvres in the Gulf and the Sea of Oman in mid-December, Tehran television reported.

The broadcast, quoted Rear Adm. Ali Shamkhani as saying the week-long wargames will concentrate on training and co-ordinating the activities of the navy and the Revolutionary Guards Corps.

The joint manoeuvres follow the merger of the Revolutionary Guards Ministry and the Defence Ministry, which oversees Iran's regular forces, earlier this year.

The two ministries have merged to streamline the military chain of command.

Shamkhani, who was previously the revolutionary guards minister, said "we have no problems in strengthening and co-ordinating the naval forces, and are speedily moving towards streamlining these abilities," the television reported.

It quoted him as saying that "the first stage of this co-ordination will be the joint manoeuvres of the IRGC and the navy."

The manoeuvres will be the first since Shamkhani was appointed head of the navy by the country's spiritual leader, Ali Khamenei, last month.

The former head, Rear Adm. Mohammad Hussein-Malekzadeh, was abruptly replaced as the head of the 14,500-man navy.

The Iranians held their last naval manoeuvres in the Gulf in mid-October.

Baghdad accused two Iranian gunboats of attacking an Iraqi tugboat and killing one crewman during those wargames.

But Iran's UN Ambassador, Kamal Kharrazi, denied that accusation earlier this month. He said two Iranian boats had been attacked by an Iraqi vessel in late October, and a crewman taken prisoner.

There has been some disagreement among top Iranian leaders on what to do about having two separate fighting forces within the country.

After his election in July, Rafsanjani said that the Revolutionary Guards would be merged with the regular armed forces.

But earlier this month Khamenei said such a merger would not take place.

The merger seems to be limited to the level of administration.

Lack of co-ordination between the Revolutionary Guards and the armed forces led to a string of battlefield defeats for Iran in the eight-year Gulf war.

The Revolutionary Guards came under heavy criticism after Iran was forced to accept a UN-sponsored ceasefire in August last year.

'Send Rushdie to Israel to defuse threat'

LONDON, Nov 26, (Kuma): A leading newspaper said today that intermediaries who claim to represent Iran have suggested that sending the controversial author Salman Rushdie to Israel would defuse the death threat against him.

Quoting "diplomats," the Sunday Times newspaper said the threat issued by Ayatollah Khomeini before his death against the author of the Satanic Verses is the biggest obstacle to Anglo-Iranian relations.

Iran severed all diplomatic links with the UK last March in the wake of the row over the Rushdie affair.

The novel has been condemned by Muslims world-wide as offensive against Islam.

The Sunday Times said the intermediaries contended it would also benefit the Indian-born author to be sent to Israel as he "would be safe" there from assassins.

In a related development, the weekly highlighted the recent statement by Britain's new Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd in which he said that he wanted to build better relations with Iran to use their influence to free British hostages in Lebanon.



Deputy faints

Red Cross rescue workers rush Hashem Al Hussein, a Lebanese deputy, to the hospital after he fainted at the funeral of assassinated President Rene Muawad in the northern village of Zghorta. (Reuters wirephoto)

## 21 die in Kurdish raid Retaliation by PKK

SIRNAK, Turkey, Nov 26, (Agencies): Kurdish guerrillas killed 21 pro-Turkish Kurdish villagers, mainly women and children, in the worst such attack for two years, security sources said.

Thirteen children and six women were among those gunned down in an attack by Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK) guerrillas that began on Friday night and lasted until Saturday morning on Ikiyaka, a village near the Iraqi border, the sources said.

Local sources said relatives of village guard Sadi Aykut, 45, were ordered out of their house into the snow and machine-gunned in the village in Hakkari province.

The punitive raid followed the killing of two PKK guerrillas two

months ago by a village guard contingent led by Aykut. There was an 80-strong village guard in Ikiyaka at the time of the raid, local sources said.

Aykut's house was set on fire and the guerrillas escaped over the nearby Iraqi border, the sources said.

Officials from the southeast regional governor's office in Diyarbakir confirmed that 21 people were killed by the PKK.

More than 2,000 people have died since the PKK launched an armed rebellion in 1984 aimed at winning an independent state for Turkey's estimated eight million Kurds.

Turkey, fearing that its territory would be split by their aspirations for independence, denies official minority status to the Kurdish community.

The PKK raid on Ikiyaka was the bloodiest attack since five Kurdish villages were hit by guerrillas between June and August 1978. Eighty villagers were killed, including some 30 children.

Extra troops were sent to the region but helicopters were grounded because of bad weather and fog, official sources said.

Commandos eventually reached Ikiyaka after a forced march through snow, they added.

PKK attacks have escalated and spread in recent months and have continued into the winter season for the first time since the insurgency started.

Ethnic Kurds make up about one-fifth of Turkey's population of 55 million.

## Accords will help Egyptians in Iraq

Cairo doesn't spare any effort

CAIRO, Nov 26, (Reuters): Egypt is doing all it can to safeguard the rights of its nationals in Iraq, Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel-Maguid said yesterday.

"The Foreign Ministry...does not spare any effort to look after Egyptian workers' interests in Iraq, protect all their rights and safeguard their honour," he said.

Several thousand of about one million Egyptians working in Iraq have returned home saying they were subject to widespread intimidation.

Abdel-Maguid, speaking to the foreign relations committee of Egypt's consultative Shura council, said accords had been reached with Iraq to solve outstanding issues.

Egyptians workers said Baghdad had blocked some \$350 million of their savings in Iraq while aviation sources said the national flag carrier, Egyptair, had more than \$90 million in Iraqi banks.

"I am sure the accords reached with Iraq and the steps it promised to take to resolve this problem will ease the crisis," Abdel-Maguid said.

He stressed the "strategic and nationalistic depth" of ties between the two Arab states, which are linked with Jordan and North Yemen in an economic alliance and have co-operated closely in many fields including arms manufacture.

## Turks debate reforms in laws

ISTANBUL, Nov 26, (Reuters): With reform sweeping Eastern Europe, Turkey is debating whether it can safely lift political restrictions on its communists and Islamic fundamentalists.

"Turkey cannot live in the new Europe being built with its present mentality," wrote commentator Mehmet Ali Birand in the liberal daily Milliyet.

Most Turkish political parties have urged changes in laws that set jail terms or the death penalty for advocates of communism or class struggle and outlaw religious evangelism.

But Prime Minister Yildirim Akbulut, while vowing that legal reform will be a priority for his new centre-right government, has warned: "These subjects must not be seen as simple."

Many Turks regard political relaxation as necessary to Nato-member Turkey's aspirations to join the European Economic Community.

The leaders of the Turkish United Communist Party have been held in jail since they voluntarily ended foreign exile in 1987. After 25 court hearings

their case is far from over.

Children under 16 have been jailed for expressing allegedly pro-communist ideas. A lapel pin with a hammer and sickle can be enough to land a Turk in court.

Islamic fundamentalists, seen as having far more popular appeal than leftists in mainly Muslim but secular Turkey, face tight restrictions such as a ban on Muslim headscarves being worn by women students.

"It will get nowhere with mass trials, book and film burnings... and saying that anyone who is religious backs Islamic law," Birand wrote.

"Enough is enough. Unchain the nation's mind. Just put an end to the comedy of 141, 142 and 163," he wrote, referring to the numbers of the penal code articles banning communist and evangelical activities.

The Justice Ministry says it wants to formulate new laws that will please everyone.

## Short of quorum, AL meet put off

PLO yet to send reply to US

TUNIS, Nov 26, (Agencies): The Arab League postponed an emergency foreign ministers meeting set for today in Tunis and is consulting Arab countries on a new date to discuss the Middle East peace process, a League spokesman said.

Arab diplomats said the meeting was postponed because only one minister, Tareq Aziz of Iraq, had arrived in Tunis in time.

"The date was not suitable for a large number of ministers. It could take place within two or three days," one ambassador told Reuters.

The hastily arranged session of the League's ministerial council was cancelled a few hours before it was due to start because "not enough ministers were present," League spokesman Mohamed Maghribi told reporters.

No new date was set for the meeting, requested by the Palestine Liberation Organisation last week to consult on Middle East peace moves including US Secretary of State James Baker's proposals for a dialogue between the PLO and Israel.

Maghribi said ministers consulted by telephone had agreed that a meeting was "not opportune" at present.

"The meeting was too hastily convened," Maghribi said. "There was not sufficient time to prepare for it."

Arab diplomats said that, contrary to earlier PLO reports, the PLO has not made a final response to the Baker proposals.

PLO Executive Committee member Jamal Sourani went to Cairo earlier this week for further consultations on the response with the Egyptians, who are acting both as the PLO's negotiating consultants and intermediaries with Washington, they said.

It was not immediately clear if the postponement of the Tunis meeting was connected with the continuing consultations between the PLO and Egypt on the Baker plan.

Meanwhile, Israeli troops lifted curfews on more than 14,000 Arabs in the occupied West Bank today after making scores of arrests, residents and the army said.

The army said that over the weekend soldiers rounded up 72 Palestinians and seized axes, iron bars and other potential weapons in Tulkarm refugee camp.

Palestinians said 120 people were arrested in the army sweep which they said also covered the town of Tulkarm and nearby Nur Shams refugee camp.

Libya has threatened to impose sanctions on Arab states if they attended a scheduled meeting of foreign ministers of the European Community and the Arab League next month.

Arab states should not take part in such talks while Libya and Syria remained on an EEC "black list," said a commentary on the Libyan news agency Jana, received in Cyprus.

A Soviet envoy had talks with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat in advance of next weekend's meeting between President Mikhail Gorbachev and US President George Bush, the Palestinian news agency Wafa said.

Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Gennady Tarasov handed an important message from the Soviet leadership to Arafat in Tunis on Friday night, Wafa said.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel-Meguid talked of a "history opportunity" to reach a Middle East peace settlement but said discussions still continued with concerned parties.

In a speech addressed to the Shura council, a consultative government body, Abdel-Meguid said that in all its contacts, Egypt stressed that it would not replace Palestinians in any negotiations and that talks should be a step towards a comprehensive settlement of the Palestinian problem.

"We think there is a historic opportunity to reach a peaceful solution to the problem," Abdel-Meguid told the council.



'Palestine army'

A group of masked Palestinians calling themselves members of the Palestine Popular Army parade through the 'Casbah' as they speak through loud speakers about political matters. Many of the 'Army' members carry wooden clubs. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Yemens closer to unity

ABU DHABI, Nov 26, (Reuters): North and South Yemen have narrowed their differences on unification and are pressing ahead to reach agreement soon, South Yemen's minister for unity affairs said today.

Rashid Mohammed Thabit told the United Arab Emirates paper Al Itihad a joint committee was working out a formula to be made public during a Yemeni summit in Aden this week.

"Our points of convergence are now more numerous than our points of divergence. We hope to reach an agreed framework for unity within the next two days," he was quoted as saying.

The two sides have been discussing the idea of unity since 1972 and were close to announcing a merger in 1986 when former South Yemen President Ali Nasser Mohammed as ousted in bitter factional fighting.

North Yemen's President Ali Abdullah Saleh is scheduled to meet southern leaders in Aden on November 30.

AMMAN, Nov 26, (Reuters): King Hussein will open Jordan's new parliament tomorrow after general elections which kindled widespread hopes for democratic change and economic reform.

"The dust has been kicked off everything," said a government official. "The election let the regime and the people see the realities."

"Both are ready for gradual social, economic and political change," he added.

Islamist groups scored sweeping successes in the Nov 8 elections, the first in 22 years, and on some issues could join nationalists and leftists to outnumber government supporters.

The speech from the throne will state the policy of the new government, which officials expect to be formed by Thursday either by incumbent Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Bin Shaker or former premier Mudar Badran, now royal court chief.

The address should give clues as to how far King Hussein wants to move towards a more democratic political system.

It will also set out Jordan's position on the Arab-Israeli conflict, especially its relationship with the PLO after Amman broke legal and administrative ties with the Israeli-occupied West Bank last year.

## Hussein opens new parliament today amid hopes for reform

The powerful Muslim Brotherhood and some nationalist deputies challenge the disengagement and, unlike the Palestine Liberation Organisation, oppose peace talks with Israel and want the Jewish state destroyed.

Parliament will soon debate a draft austerity budget for 1990, approved by the cabinet on Saturday, which would cut government spending in dollar terms by 20 per cent.

Many deputies are expected to question the government's handling of the economy, which is plagued by high price rises

and an \$8-billion debt to foreign governments and commercial banks.

King Hussein, 54, hopes to restore confidence in his 37-year-old rule after price riots in April highlighted demands for political change, free speech and incorruptible government.

He has already promised a referendum on a planned charter which would produce some sort of multi-party system.

The Muslim Brotherhood, with 22 seats, will be the single biggest bloc. At least 12 other deputies hold broadly similar Islamist views.



# Rich states urged to fulfil quotas

## FAO adopts new budget

ROME, Nov 26, (Kuna): Head of the Kuwaiti delegation to the meetings of the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) Sheikh Ibrahim Duaij Al Sabah urged the wealthy countries to pay their quotas to FAO and to other international organisations.

Sheikh Duaij, board chairman and director-general of the Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources, said such well-off states should hold on their international obligations as world responsibility is

inseparable in this regard. Responding to questions by Kuna, Sheikh Duaij said Kuwait has been paying great attention to the agricultural issues in the country in materialisation of instructions of His Highness the Amir and HH the Crown Prince and Premier.

The Kuwaiti delegation to the FAO meetings, he said, exerted tangible efforts in co-operation with the GCC, Arab, G-7 delegations to help the organisation adopt practical decisions. In this regard, he added, we

took part in the adoption of a decision on FAO's new budget as well as other decisions relating to future action.

Sheikh Duaij, in his replies to Kuna queries, welcomed the Soviet Union's joining of FAO as an observer member.

He said the USSR has special responsibilities at the world level and distinguished agricultural experience that would enrich FAO's agricultural knowledge. Soviet participation in the FAO activities would be of financial importance also and con-

tributes to international agricultural integration in this world organisation, he said.

He warned against the steadily decreasing world wheat reserves, which needs close international co-operation to maintain wheat reserves at the level of world needs.

In his address before FAO, he expressed the keenness of Kuwait, under directions of HH the Amir, on boosting the bases of food security at local, regional, Arab and world levels.

### Civil defence

## Finns to continue providing expertise

HELSINKI, Nov 26, (Kuna): Finnish Interior Minister Jarmo Rantanen unveiled that Finland has provided Kuwait with civil defence experts and will continue to assist Kuwait with technical help in that field.

Rantanen said the two countries maintain strong relations and will continue to help each other in various security issues.

Rantanen was speaking to Kuna during the visit last week of Kuwaiti Minister of Interior Sheikh Salem Sabah Al Salem who held rounds of talks with his Finnish counterpart on issues of mutual interest.

Commenting on the results of the talks, Rantanen expressed satisfaction and said Finland is qualified to provide Kuwait with the technical expertise in the field of civil defence.

Last year, Kuwait established a civil defence department at the Ministry of Interior to help people be able to deal with catastrophes and natural disasters.

Rantanen said Finland has a long experience in civil defence and was able to invent new ways for coping with urgent challenges and unexpected trouble.

Finland was the stage of wars during World War II. It was invaded by the Russians in 1939 but the Russians later had to leave after they suffered great losses which the Finnish claim to be nearly one million bodies.

The tragedies of past wars acted as the nucleus of the experience being offered to Kuwait.

"We have considered (in talks with Kuwaitis) the question of civil defence during war times," said Rantanen, whose country is celebrating today the fiftieth anniversary of the Russian invasion of Finland.

"Our lives in modern times have been dependent on new technology and technical inventions which have been marked by the emergence new problems" challenging man's survival, the Finnish minister stressed.



Civil defence training camp opens

The assistant undersecretary of the Ministry of Interior for police affairs Major General Mohammed Al Qabandi opened Saturday the first training camp of Civil Defence at Mishref area. The camp aims at enlightening citizens and expatriates about importance of civil defence in peace and war. Major-General Qabandi accompanied by deputy director of Civil Defence Department Col. Saleh Suwaidan and director of training at the department Lt. Col. Mutlaq Minawer as well as a number of police officers inspected the different pavilions at the camp. They inspected the equipment used in civil defence, ambulance, fire-fighting, training, explosives and radiation as well as the mobile operations room.

Major-General Qabandi praised the officials and

members of the civil defence for organising the camp. The camp is organised as preparation for the 2nd training course of civil defence which will be opened next month, he said. He also thanked the Public Health Ministry and General Fire Authority for taking part in the camp and training courses of civil defence.

He added that the first training course was successful. The officers of civil defence are studying the contribution of expatriates in civil defence activities. He added that a large number of volunteers registered their names in training courses, not all of these numbers are required at present. This problem will be solved after building of the training school of civil defence, he said.

## Public training courses in full swing

THE director of development, planning and follow up department and the technical bureau of the Public Works Ministry, Waleed Al Thaqeb said that training and developing work at different departments of the ministry was going on.

The ministry gave special attention to training, which was continuous process for employees from the time of appointment till end of their service. He said they had established a programme to develop and train newly appointed employees who joined the ministry after graduation. The ministry offered opportunities for the biggest number of employees to take part in conferences, panels, seminars and training courses organised by public and private sectors in engineering, technical, financial and administrative fields.

Employees take part in these training courses every year. He added that development of administrative performance at the ministry aimed at modernising of organisational structure of the departments and their activities.

It also aimed at using computer and microfilm in their activities and 12 different projects carried out by the ministry, he said.

Thaqeb pointed out that the ministry employs foreign and Arab consultants in different fields to support its departments with experienced persons. He added that difference between Arab and foreign consultants is that Arabs speak the same language (Arabic) and know their traditions more than foreigners. Costs of foreign experts are more than the costs of Arabs, he said.



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WE came to Kuwait on Oct 1988 with two years contract. Food, accommodation free, and a monthly salary of KD35. While we arrived the company asked all of us to sign a paper written in Arabic. Now the company pays us only KD30 without food and forces us to do overtime work.

What is the action we can take against the company for cheating us? Can the employer force his employees to work overtime?

Employees  
1. First of all, you can file a case at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour asking for your dues, due to the fact that the company broke the contract by not paying your full salaries. For this you have to prove that your salaries are KD35.

2. According to Article 38 of Labour Law No. 38/1964: The employee can work maximum two hours extra. This overtime order has to be through a written notice. The employee is paid per hour plus 25 per cent.

3. The employer has no right to keep your salaries of two months. If there is any debt to be paid by employees to the sponsor then the sponsor has only the right to deduct the maximum of 10 per cent from the employee's wage to refund the debt, according to Article 31 of labour law.

I AM working in a private company with a salary of KD150 and a day off and 10 hours work every day. My problem is that I stopped working because the company did not give me two months salary while other employees got it.

I did not create any problem to my employer. I again tried to talk with my employer to solve this problem but he refused.

I am working with this company for one year and eight months. If I want to go back to my country, can I get the two months salary, air ticket and other benefits?

LYRA  
YOU cannot transfer your visa to another sponsor because you did not complete three years with your current sponsor.

For the unpaid salaries, you can file a case at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour asking for the salary and other benefits because the employer broke the contract by not paying your salary. You can also ask for the air ticket according to Article 20 of the Labour Law.

SINCE domestic helpers are not covered by the labour law, I want to know if we are entitled for 13 months payment and if we must collect the air ticket after extending the contract for another year. In case the sponsor did give me these benefits and did not send me back on holiday or allowed me to transfer to another sponsor, what I am going to do?

I agreed to stay another year and my sponsor promised to give me an air ticket without a holiday, but now she wants me to

stay another year to complete four years. I want your advice.

J.C.  
DOMESTIC helpers are not covered by the Kuwaiti Labour Law. About the air ticket, first you have to prove that your sponsor promised to refund the amount of this ticket for not going on holiday. Then you can file a case against your sponsor asking her to pay for the ticket. In case she denies this promise then, you can ask her to swear in front of the court. If she swears that she did not promise to pay for the air ticket then you can get nothing. In case your contract expires then your sponsor is obliged to pay your air ticket to send you back to your country.

ITOOK over the occupancy of a flat from a previous tenant for KD45 rent, but for me I signed a new contract of KD150. For two years I have been repeatedly asking the manager of the building to carry out needed repairs of cracked walls. If I suffer injuries due to the falling masonry, can I sue the management company for damages?

If the management does not do the repairs, can I get them done on my expenses and set off costs against the rent? Can I withhold the rent until the repairs are completed? Is this legally permitted?

FAROOK  
A FORMAL notice should be sent to the owner, explaining the dangerous condition of the apartment. Also you can claim him responsible if any injuries are caused to you or your family.

Also you can file a case confirming the condition of the apartment and your readiness to repair it, if the expenses of repair are on the owner to be deducted from the rent. Withholding of the rent is considered illegal and it gives the owner an opportunity to evict you from the premises.

ICAME to Kuwait Nov 1984 on visa No. 18. My services were terminated in 1985. I could not transfer to another company since I came under the rule that those who entered Kuwait after 1982 could not transfer locally.

So I took a new visa in 1985. I have now completed two and half years. I want to look for another job when I complete three years. If my present sponsor refuses to give me a release, can he send me back to my country?

Can I go to the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour to get transfer of my visa? My contract states that I am not entitled to my air ticket. If I go to the concerned ministry, how long my case will take?

SALITA  
YOU can file a case at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour after three years work with your current sponsor. The case includes cancellation and transfer of residence. According to Article 16 of Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour No. 87/1989 there is a possibility of cancellation

and transfer of work permit of an employee whether brought from outside or locally employed.

I HAVE been engaged locally on a fixed term contract with free accommodation and air ticket every two years.

The contract is being renewed every two years for the last 18 years.

One of the clauses in the contract is that either party can terminate the contract with one month notice.

If I do not renew the contract at the expiry of the present contract and wish to leave the job, will this be considered as resignation or will I get full indemnities as stipulated for a fixed term contract.

A.V. BALAN  
AFTER the expiry of the original contract the contract is considered for unlimited period, and any party should inform the other of his intention to end the contract.

This is considered as resignation if you inform them and then you get half of dues according to labour law.

I prefer that you send me a photocopy of your contract in order to give you more details.

I AM a foreign Muslim woman, with Kuwaiti nationality. I have been living in Kuwait for 13 years. I have children and am in the process of building our house (Government land).

What concerns me very much is a woman's right in the event of her husband's death, in keeping either the land or the government house.

Just exactly where do we stand? What rights do we have? At the moment what we know is basically the misfortune of other people and gossip. I am sure as this subject can be defined in many categories for instance a foreign woman with no nationality (Kuwaiti) neither being a Muslim or a member of a sect. Where does she stand?

As I speak for myself in the above category, please could you define all the has and outs to relieve a lot of women who like me are in this position with no relatives or families in this country.

D.B.  
IN case of the foreign woman, Muslim and with Kuwaiti nationality and with children, she can keep the house as long as it is paid for in full, in case the husband is dead. Then the house becomes as part of the inheritance. Her share is 1/4 of the total amount. In case there are no children then she can stay in the house on rent basis. She cannot own the house until the period of owning the house is due.

In case the woman is without a Kuwaiti nationality then she cannot own the house. Owning property is only for Kuwaitis. If the house is registered in the name of the dead husband the house has to be sold and she can get her share according to the law.

## KFAS plays active role in scientific activities

By Ali Al Masoodi

THE Minister of Higher Education, Dr Ali Abdullah Al Shamlan, stated that the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Science (KFAS) played an effective role in Kuwait and abroad through its programmes, and scientific activities directed to Kuwait, the Arab and Islamic world.

As the director-general of the foundation, Shamlan added that special annual programmes were drawn by officials at the foundation to implement its expanded activity. He said that research occupied a fundamental place among its programmes.

The foundation also financed research projects through some scientific establishments in Kuwait and some other Arab countries.

Shamlan stated that KFAS holds several conferences and specialised symposiums which dealt with international scientific issues or local problems.

The foundation also participated in supporting the intellectual movement and encouraging scientific research through the distribution of annual awards.

More than 88 books and other publications were published by the foundation since its establishment in 1976.

Regarding the foundation's encouragement to scientific researches, Shamlan said that the foundation's research projects department mainly aimed at helping Kuwaiti establishments and individuals, particularly researchers. Since its establishment, the foundation was able to support more than 170 researches in different areas of knowledge. These activities were being organised in co-operation with Kuwait University and Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research.

Regarding inventions, Shamlan said that the foundation assisted Kuwaiti inventors to obtain a patent.

Future activities of the foundation were shown in a five-year plan approved by the foundation's board of directors.

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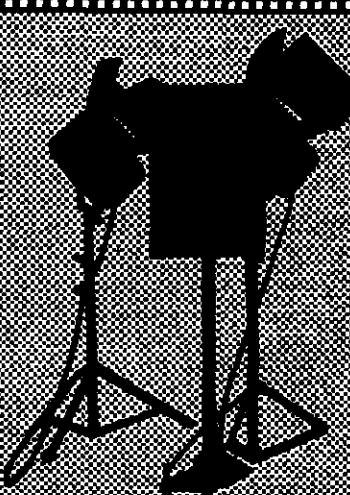
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# Kuwait wishes new Lebanese president success

## Muawad assassination condemned

KUWAIT, Nov 26 (Kuna): Kuwait today wished the Lebanese President Elias Hrawani success in his difficult mission and urged the Lebanese people to support their leader in the best interest of their country.

Following the weekly cabinet session, held under the chairmanship of HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah, State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Rashid Al Rashid condemned last week's assassination of late Lebanese President Rene Muawad.

At the outset of the session, said Rashid, the cabinet reviewed the message received by HH the Amir from Sultan Qaboos Bin Sa'ud of Oman, which included an invitation to HH the Amir to attend the 10th

GCC summit, set for Dec 18 in Muscat. It was also briefed on HH the Amir's reply message, in which he accepted the invitation.

The cabinet then listened to a report by HH Sheikh Saad on the outcome of the recent visit by Palestinian President Yasser Arafat, during which the latest developments on the Palestinian front were discussed.

HH the Crown Prince and Premier also briefed the cabinet on tomorrow's visit by chairman of the Sudanese National Salvation Revolutionary Council Gen. Omar Hassan Al Bashir to meet with HH the Amir on ways to strengthen bilateral co-operation.

For his part, Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Jaber reported on the recent visit to the country by Iraq's Deputy Premier Saadoun Hammadi, during which he conveyed a message from President Saddam Hussein to HH the Amir.

Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah acquainted the council on his visits to Finland and Britain and the talks he held with his Finnish counterpart, which tackled ways of co-operation in the fields of civil defence, communications and traffic systems and other issues like narcotics, spirits and terrorism.

Minister of Commerce and Industry Faisal Abdul Razzaq Al Khaled briefed

his fellow ministers of the outcome of the visit by his Iraqi counterpart Mohammed Mahdi Saleh, during which he inaugurated the Iraqi trade week.

The council then listened to a report from Minister of Social Affairs and Labour Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Ahmed on the outcome of his recent visit to Saudi Arabia to attend the celebration of the 3rd Arab Gulf Week for Social Work.

It also reviewed a report by the Ministry of Communications on the mobile telephone service. A detailed explanation was given by the communication minister on the economic and technical aspects related to this issue.

## GCC seeks reduction in expat manpower

LIMITED programmes to develop and train national manpower to replace expatriate manpower in different economic sectors were included in most of the recent social and economic development plans of GCC states.

A study made by an official at the International Labour Organisation (ILO), Usman Al Hassan Mohammed Nour, showed that Kuwait, for instance suggests in its 1985-90 Five Year Plan to increase the Kuwaiti work force from 126,000 to 157,000 workers, while the strategy of the Saudi Arabian Five Year Plan for 1985-90 sought to reduce the expatriate manpower by 600,000 workers.

The study added that although all GCC states sought to achieve the goal of using national manpower instead of expatriate manpower, but the achievement of these objectives was not going as expected in most of these states due to the demographic, educational, economic and social structure in the GCC states.

According to the study, the reduction of oil returns during the 1980s led to reduction of economic activities in states that mainly depended on foreign manpower.

Studies show that economic activities in most GCC states witnessed a noticeable reduction in output compared to the level in 1984. The sector most affected was the construction sector, then real estate and commercial sector, followed by whole-sale and retail commerce, and financial services.

The report pointed out that transferring of Arab and non-Arab manpower in the GCC states was strongly connected with demographic, social, educational, economic and political structures in these states.

The hike of oil prices in 1970s and availability of financial resources in these states mainly affected the work force in these states. The reduction of economic activities and retreat of oil returns in the area as well as completion of basic structures in several states of the area affected on the immigration of expatriate manpower from the GCC states.

Nour said in his study that GCC states enjoyed a high rate of population growth due to the increase in births and drop in death rates.

Statistics in the GCC states showed the natural growth by births in GCC states was more than three per cent.

It said that difference in wages and flexibility of employment between government and private sectors in the GCC would make national work force prefer working in the government sector and would limit the numbers of nationals in the private sector.

The large numbers of foreign manpower in the private sector was considered a big challenge and a real one to the policy of nationalisation of the work force, the study said.

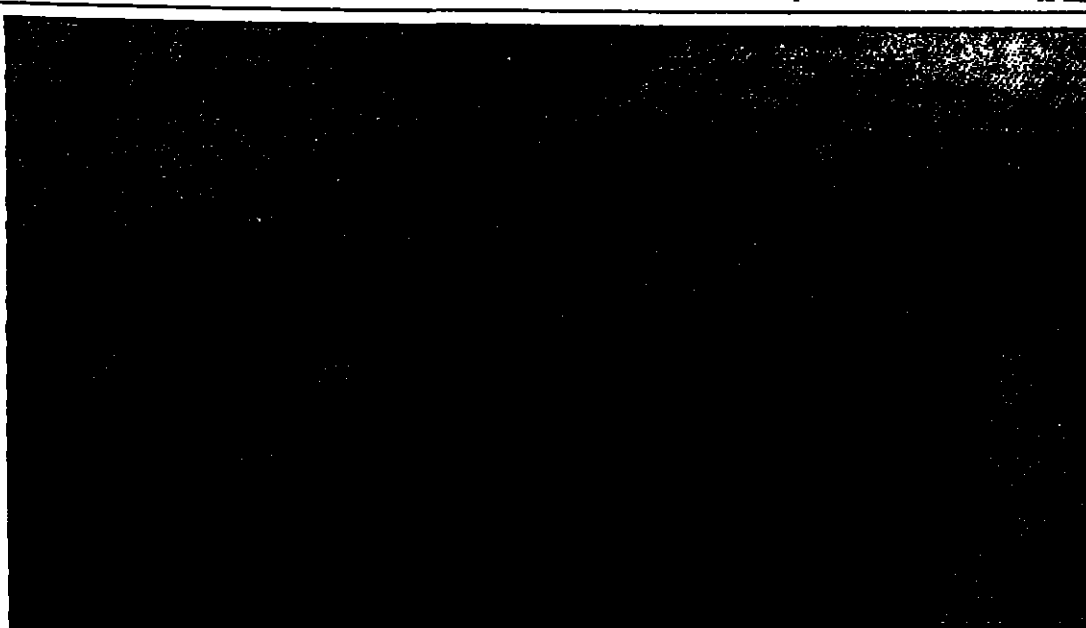
Commenting on the future balance between Asian and Arab manpower in GCC states, it said that previous studies made on this subject showed that Asian manpower was more than Arab in GCC states except in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

The Asians formed at least 80 per cent of the total foreign manpower in Bahrain, Qatar and Oman, while the form only 37 per cent in Saudi Arabia and 40 per cent in Kuwait.

Some GCC states preferred Asian workers to Arab manpower specially in the private sector due to the low cost of Asians. They are less expensive and have fewer family members in the GCC states than Arabs.

The Asian manpower could easily be dispensed with if necessary. It added that Arabs are more stable in the GCC states.

It pointed out that steps to use national manpower instead of expatriates in GCC states might not grow quickly before the end of this century specially in technical jobs and handicrafts.



A three car pile-up at one of Kuwait's main streets

## 16,533 road accidents in the last 10 weeks: report

By Sayed Othman

OVER the past ten weeks 259 people died and 2420 others were injured in a total of 16,533 road accidents that occurred in the country, according to a statistical report released by the Kuwait General Traffic Department.

It said 35 people died in January, 33 in March, while the lowest number of deaths was recorded during August.

The report added that the total number of injuries over the same period was 299 in April, and 296 in September, the lowest being recorded in July.

The reports state that the highest number of deaths on the road was recorded in October and the lowest in July.

Hawally was the governorate with the highest traffic death toll recorded, followed by the Capital, with Jahra coming last.

The report explained that the noticeable oscillation in the death rate over the same period was due to the absence of many people abroad for the summer vacation, which resulted in a marked drop in the number of pedestrians and motorists.

The report pointed out that a total of 202,515 tickets were issued over the same period for traffic violations, mostly involving red-light transgressions, speeding, driving under the influence of liquor failure to conform to approved standards of safety and technicality, going against traffic lane instructions, parking at the wrong places, using the vehicle for unauthorised practices, wearing Nisab or Burqa (forms of traditional face-covers), and miscellaneous others.

The report said that 25,119 tickets were issued during October alone, and the next highest number of tickets issued was in September, compared to only 17,103 tickets issued in April.



Sri Lankan envoy hosts lunch

Sri Lankan Ambassador Lattif Sheriffdeen invited Sri Lankan professional groups for informal lunch at his residence Friday. Picture shows the ambassador addressing the gathering. He called for views from professionals regarding the welfare of their community.

## Awadi opens symposium on war casualties

MINISTER of Planning and Acting Minister of Health, Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi, stressed the need for preparing well drawn up medical and organisational plans to confront potential war hazards.

He said in a speech at the opening ceremony of a symposium on war injuries, organised by the Kuwait Institute for Medical Specialisations in co-operation with the Ministry of Defence and Kuwait Sheraton Hotel, that it was high time that Kuwait developed its potentials to be fully prepared to deal with injuries sustained in wars.

He added that it was important to take the necessary precautions to deal with such eventualities, based on a well-thought-out scale of priorities, stressing the importance of developing a qualified medical staff to undertake the involved medical responsibilities.

The director of the Kuwait Institute for Medical Specialisation Dr Abdullah Al Refai, then delivered a speech in which he said that the symposium would tackle topics dealing with situations potentially possible under normal and extraordinary conditions, which necessitated a certain level of preparedness.

In a related development Dr Hussain Al Moen, head of the Health Awareness Section at the Ministry of Health and secretary of the information and awareness committee to combat Aids said that on the occasion of the International Day to Combat Aids which falls on 21 December, the Ministry of Health will organise a special celebration under the patronage of the Minister of Planning and Acting Minister of Health, Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi.

Dr Moen added that the National Committee to Combat Aids, with the co-operation of Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Science, will hold a scientific debate on the Aids disease.

## Imams and teachers to get istimaras

IMAMS of mosques and teachers at government and private schools can obtain learners licences (istimara) without any requirements except legal residence.

A local daily said that this had been decided by the General Traffic Department. It said this step was in line with the department's policy of gradually increasing the issue of learners licences.



Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak meets Kuwaiti Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf at the Presidential Palace in Cairo yesterday.

## Kuwait shopping for more Egyptian arms

### Nawaf's second day in Cairo

CAIRO, Nov 26 (Agencies): Kuwait, which has bought Egyptian-made weapons worth \$500 million, is shopping for more, Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed Al Sabah said today.

The minister is in Cairo for his first official visit and held talks with President Hosni Mubarak. He told reporters he discussed further arms deals with his Egyptian counterpart Youssef Sabri Abu Taleb.

He did not give details. But he said "specialised committees would study the issue."

Abu Taleb said Egyptian-Kuwaiti military co-operation covered both arms and training. Egypt, which has sent instructors to train Kuwaiti troops, is keen to boost sales from its arms industry to Arab states.

Kuwait, target of several missile attacks by Iran during the 1980-88 Gulf war, has purchased the Egyptian-made Amoun Air Defence System.

It has also bought armoured personnel carriers. Industry sources said more than 150 have been delivered so far.

Sheikh Nawaf praised Egyptian-made arms saying "they are advanced weapons that have proved their worth."

The Kuwaiti minister, who arrived Saturday, is due to visit several military plants during his three-day visit.

Sheikh Nawaf told reporters that talks during his meeting with President Mubarak meeting,

which was attended by Egyptian Defence and Military Production Minister Youssef Abu Taleb and Kuwait's Ambassador here Abdul Razak Al Kandari, centred on bilateral ties and issues of mutual interest.

Asked to comment on Iran's recent announcement that it intends to hold military manoeuvres in the Arabian Gulf, Sheikh Nawaf said: "Every country has the right to hold such manoeuvres in its territorial waters at any time."

And whether there are Kuwaiti reservations in regard to some Gulf Co-operation Council's issues, the minister ruled out existence of such reservations from the part of Kuwait.

On military co-operation between Kuwait and Egypt, Sheikh Nawaf said it has been going on for a long time and it is growing day by day.

He described the Egyptian-made arms that Kuwait has imported recently as "sophisticated and advanced."

Whether there are new arms deals between Kuwait and Egypt, he said that there are talks between him and Abu Taleb in this regard and that joint committees, comprising experts from both countries, will follow up these talks.

Abu Taleb, for his part, spoke of the good relations between the two countries and bilateral co-operation in the military field, pointing out that the current visit

by Sheikh Nawaf to Egypt will boost such co-operation.

Abu Taleb last night threw a dinner banquet in honor of Sheikh Nawaf that was attended by senior officials and Kuwait's Ambassador here Abdel Razak Al Kandari.

The Egyptian minister welcomed the Kuwaiti delegation and hailed the strong bilateral ties between Egypt and Kuwait.

He described such relations as "historical and eternal," noting that the people of Egypt can never forget the participation of Kuwaiti armed forces in the 1973 war which was a victory for the modern Egyptian and Arab military capabilities.

Abu Taleb added that the lessons concluded from the 1973 war motivated Egypt to develop its military industry at a competitive level.

He also lauded Kuwaiti-Egyptian co-operation, noting that Kuwait has the largest number of trainees in Egypt.

Sheikh Nawaf, for his part, expressed deep pleasure for his current visit to Egypt, which always considered the interests of Kuwait as equal as those of her own.

The Kuwaiti defence minister expressed hope that the two countries would foster co-operation and step up exchange of expertise in all fields and in the military sphere, in support of peace and stability in the Arab region.

## Arab interior ministers to meet Dec 1

CAIRO, Nov 26 (Kuna): Interior ministers of 22 Arab countries will begin here on December 1 a three-day ministerial conference, Egyptian Interior Minister Major-General Zaki Badr said today.

Badr said, after he met with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak earlier today, that there was a preparation committee meeting prior to the conference which will set up the final agenda of the conference within the framework of the suggestions presented by some Arab countries.

## Residents may have to pay cleaning tax

KUWAIT'S Minister of State for Municipal Affairs Mohammed Al Sayed Abdulmoheem Al Rifai, said that a specialised committee was currently discussing how to impose cleaning charges on the public in co-ordination with the concerned government authorities concerned.

In an interview with Kuwait News Agency (Kuna), Rifai said the State spent about KD 12,790,000 for cleaning works during the current year, adding that the expenditure differed from one year to another, according to the contracts.

He said that the municipality code contributed significantly to preserving public cleanliness and had enhanced the awareness level among the public through the informational campaign which had been conducted in co-operation with national informational media.

He said that the Municipality had surmounted some problems which were hindering application of the cleanliness law.

He said that a training course was organised for preparing women cleanliness inspectors in order to deal with women violating the law.

Rifai said that the Municipality had awarded cleaning contracts for all areas to private companies and contractors covering the areas of Fumanies, Sabhan, Zour, Wafra, Um Al Haiman, Sabah Al Salem suburb and Ahmadi were being concluded.

He praised the efforts exerted by the municipality in co-operation with the cleaning companies towards the spread of awareness among the public, despite wide number of nationalities living in the country which required to be addressed in several languages.

Success

He added that the cleaning companies had attained a considerable success, particularly those dealing with Kuwait Municipality. These companies had developed their field works whether towards the daily job, administration, follow up and incorporation of the latest technology in cleaning works.

He said that the cleaning centres of Kuwait Municipality were making regular field inspections in order to monitor the infringements that may be committed by the cleaning companies.

He said that award of cleaning work to Co-operative Societies was premature in view of the high cost of these works compared to the profits to be made by the co-operative societies.

He said the municipality had formed an emergency squad to cover any shortage in the cleaning works.

Speaking of the waste recycling plant, Rifai confirmed that the State was considering establishing of this plant. He said that a committee of specialists had been formed to finalise this issue in co-ordination with the authorities concerned, such as the Industrial Investments Company.

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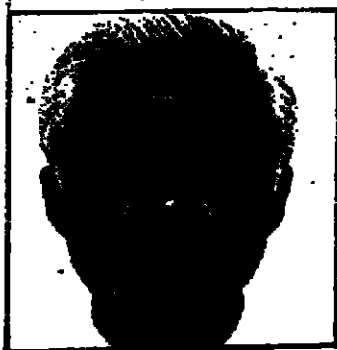
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crashes and incidents will be discussed at the three-day conference.

In its statement, the Kuwait association said it has invited the international federation to hold the conference in Kuwait. The main objective behind this invitation is the concern of the association to achieve more progress in the field of security and safety of civil aviation all over the world. By doing so, the association is responding to the call of HH the Amir given at his address to the UN General Assembly.

During their presence in Kuwait, the international federation officials will be

received by HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, the

Minister of Social Affairs and Labour, Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Ahmed, the director of

the Civil Aviation Directorate, the KAC chairman and a number of senior officials.



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WE may be willing to tell a story twice, but are never willing to hear it more than once — William Hazlitt, English writer (1778-1830).

## Nicosia still a divided capital

NICOSIA, (Reuters): The Berlin Wall has been breached but there is no sign that the dividing walls of Nicosia are set to come tumbling down — although the first cracks have begun to appear.

Nicosia, in the heart of the Mediterranean island of Cyprus, remains a formally divided capital, split by a UN buffer zone set up in the 1960s. An ugly gash of pillboxes and wire, its "no-go" zones are sprinkled with booby-traps and anti-personnel mines.

On Thursday, 13 Greek Cypriot journalists were allowed into the breakaway Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, recognised only by Ankara, but 150 other people who turned up at the frontier crossing were turned back by Turkish Cypriot police.

In a report on Thursday night's main TV news in the Greek Cypriot south a journalist pictured standing on the harbour-front in the northern port of Kyrenia said: "This is a momentous experience... what I feel cannot easily be described."

Greek Cypriots abandoned their homes and fled south in 1974 ahead of the advancing Turkish army in a huge population switch with Turkish Cypriots who fled north.

Turkish Cypriot Foreign and Defence Minister Kenan Atakol told Reuters on Thursday: "Waiving formalities does not mean that anybody can cross at a whim."

## Permission

He said Greek Cypriots wishing to cross would have to apply for permission in advance and have legitimate reasons for wanting to travel.

Greek Cypriots had previously refused to go north because it would have meant filling in entry forms and thus recognising the legitimacy of the northern state.

Cyprus government spokesman Akis Fantis said the government wanted Nicosia's dividing walls dismantled and welcomed any action that contributed to this.

But the Turkish Cypriot Prime Minister Dervis Eroglu said earlier this month that the Berlin Wall may have crumbled but the division of Cyprus was permanent.

"The Berlin Wall divided a nation — the German nation. Here in Cyprus it is different — the dividing line is between two different peoples."

In Nicosia buildings hit in battle face each other either side of the dividing line, windows boarded up, greying stone scarred by bullets and shells fired more than 15 years ago during the invasion.

A huge Turkish flag is etched into the northern Kyrenia mountains which dominate Nicosia, a permanent reminder that the island's division is one of hearts and minds.

On the Greek-Cypriot side of the city's only border-point crossing, a sign tells tourists heading north that they are about to enter "the land of true apartheid."

Cyprus President George Vassiliou said Turkish-Cypriot leader Rauf Denktaş sought "apartheid" based on religion not race. Turkish Cypriots are predominantly Muslims while Greek-Cypriots are mainly Christians.

## Struggle

Nicosia was carved into separate sectors in 1963 following a struggle between the Greek- and Turkish-Cypriot communities.

But since the Turkish invasion, which followed a short-lived coup in Nicosia inspired by the military junta then ruling in Athens, the island has been effectively partitioned.

After the invasion the buffer zone was extended both east and west from Nicosia, cutting the north — which six years ago declared itself a Turkish-Cypriot state — from the south and the internationally recognised government.

North Cyprus, where about 30,000 Turkish troops are based, discourages its people from travelling to the south and with the exception of journalists and a handful of politicians few do.

In the south, the Greek Army provides officers and training for Greek Cypriots and has a 1,000-strong infantry battalion.

Denktaş says the return of Greek Cypriots to the north would be a nightmare. "Now Cyprus is the island of two states, of two peoples," he told journalists recently.

In essence Greek Cypriots want the island ruled as a federal state. Vassiliou told the United Nations General Assembly in October that under his plan Cyprus would be demilitarised if Turkish troops and settlers were withdrawn from the north and "armed elements they have fostered are disbanded."

## Problem

"Demilitarisation would create the conditions for resolving the Cyprus problem and would provide the answer for any security concern on the part of the Turkish Cypriots," he said.

Each "province" would be responsible for its own administration of justice and policing.

Turkish Cypriots want independent rule for both the parts of the island as separate states although they too see a role for a federal roof.

But there would be no question of settlers from mainland Turkey — unofficially estimated by Turkish Cypriots to number about 45,000 — leaving the island.

Denktaş says the Turkish-Cypriot community, which numbers more than 100,000, needed its security guaranteed by the Turkish military after violence from Greek Cypriots, who total about 600,000.

No pope met a Soviet leader before

## Vatican-Soviet summit seen important

VATICAN CITY, (AP): "How many divisions does the pope have?" Josef V. Stalin asked snidely in the 1930s when the Vatican protested Soviet suppression of religion.

A half century later, Pope John Paul II rendered a reply: "Its army is powerful: 800 million Catholics."

This Friday in the Vatican, John Paul II, spiritual leader of those Roman Catholic legions, will meet Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, leader of a nation that still harbours atheism as official policy.

The Vatican has indicated the importance it places on Gorbachev's visit by according it "official" status, meaning that what transpires goes into the Vatican's official history.

Gorbachev will meet the pope while on a three-day visit to Italy — home of the largest Communist Party in the West — before going off to his Mediterranean summit with US President George Bush.

A pope and a Supreme Soviet leader have never met before. Vatican-Soviet differences go back to the birth of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics out of Czarist Russia in 1917.

The early communists in Moscow saw religion as a barrier to their revolutionary goals and distrusted the biggest church, the Russian Orthodox, which was close to the czars. The Bolsheviks declared a "war on God" and seized church property, deported priests and harassed believers.

The Vatican tried to maintain contacts with the Soviet Union, holding talks in the mid-1920s on a settlement to preserve religious freedoms.

But they fell through and a discouraged Vatican tried stealth, sending Bishop Michel D. Herbin of France to the Soviet Union to secretly ordain bishops. But the bishops were arrested and one was shot.

Relations deteriorated further as Stalin began to tighten state control. In 1929, he began requiring the registration of religious groups and barred the teaching of religion to children.

As the assault on religion intensified, tens of thousands of priests and nuns were killed or jailed, including many Roman Catholics. Churches were closed or converted into museums or warehouses.

It was in this period that Pope Pius XI established the strong anti-communist stance that was to mark his papacy and that of his successor, Pius XII.

Stalin nearly succeeded in strangling churches in the Soviet Union. But the Nazi invasion in 1941 prompted Stalin to turn to Russian orthodox leaders for support. The Orthodox Church was restored, although under the close control of the state.

Still, the picture did not improve for Catholics, most of whom live in the Ukraine and in the Baltic states — Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania — occupied by the Soviet Union in 1940.

The Ukrainian Catholic church was hardest hit. In 1946, Stalin ordered it absorbed into the Russian Orthodox church. Secret police arrested the entire Ukrainian Catholic hierarchy in the western Ukraine, as well as thousands of priests, nuns and faithful. The church, officially banned, went underground.

Meanwhile, Vatican leaders were horrified to see communism and its anti-religious campaigns spread to Eastern Europe.

It was against this backdrop that Pope Pius XII took the church's strongest step against communism. In 1949, he excommunicated Catholics who "defend the materialistic doctrines of communism" or sought to establish communist governments.

It was Pope John XXIII who broke the decades-old impasse. His calls for peace and his genial nature won him respect from the Soviet Union, so much so that he mediated between Moscow and Washington during the Cuban missile crisis in 1962.

During his five-year reign, John XXIII laid the



Pope John Paul II

foundations for the Vatican's policy of negotiation with Soviet bloc countries to win religious freedoms. The Pontiff's breakthroughs included the establishment of the first official contacts with the communist governments of Czechoslovakia and Hungary.

In 1963, Soviet leader Nikita S. Khrushchev released the leader of the Ukrainian Catholics, metropolitan Josif Slipyi, after 18 years in labour camps. Later that year, John XXIII received Khrushchev's daughter, Rada, and her husband, Alexis Adzhubet, the editor of the government newspaper Izvestia.

The thaw did not mean Khrushchev was softening up on religion at home. Quite the contrary: In 1959-64, he closed about half the churches in the Soviet Union. Religion, he predicted, would disappear by 1980.

Nonetheless, John XXIII saw an advantage in an

opening to the Soviet bloc. He felt the communist governments had secured power and little could be gained by fighting them.

The Vatican's new policy toward the East bloc came into its own under John's successor, Pope Paul VI. In the 1970s, the Vatican established diplomatic relations with Yugoslavia and working contacts with Poland.

The pope met five times with the long-time Soviet foreign minister, Andrei Gromyko, and received Nikolai Podgorny, the Soviet president, who then had little power but bore symbolic importance.

The election in 1978 of Cardinal Karol Wojtyla of Poland as Pope John Paul II, another strong anti-communist, initially marked a slowdown in the Vatican-Soviet rapprochement.

The Soviets criticized the pope in the early 1980s on grounds that he encouraged the Solidarity labour movement in Poland and condemned class struggle.

New era of prosperity after decade of turmoil

## Rafsanjani walking a tightrope

TEHRAN, (AP): Less than six months after the death of Ayatollah Khomeini, the old taboos are breaking down in Iran and there's a heady whiff of social and religious tolerance in the air.

But President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, leader of the so-called pragmatists, is walking a tightrope between preserving Khomeini's legacy of Islamic values and opening the country to a new era of prosperity after a decade of turmoil.

Revolutionary radicals complain the strict Islamic decrees imposed by Khomeini, who was known as "the Imam," or Holy Leader, are being shunted aside by Rafsanjani.

The complaints multiply as revolutionary fervor cools amid a palpable relaxation of the old shibboleths ranging from rejection of the West, particularly the United States, to a puritanical interpretation of Islamic tenets.

The liberalization that followed Khomeini's death June 3 and Rafsanjani's election as president July 28 strikes visitors as soon as they arrive at Tehran's Mehrabad airport.

Until a few months ago, arriving passengers had to stand in line for up to six hours waiting for exhaustive searches by Revolutionary Guards.

Now, passengers with nothing to declare are waved through without delay. Departure checks

also have eased.

The authorities are encouraging tourism following last year's ceasefire in the war with Iraq.

The motive is primarily to boost foreign currency earnings. But until recently, exposing revolutionary Iran to the perils of anything non-Islamic was unthinkable.

Change is visible along the broad shopping avenues of the capital, its population swollen to an estimated 11 million amid a major urban drift from the countryside.

Most men are now clean-shaven, in contrast to the prevalence of beards, traditional badge of the Islamic revolutionary, only a few months ago.

Another barometer of tolerance is observance of the "Hejab," the religious dress code for women.

Before Khomeini's death, no women dared appear in public in anything but the black chador, the tent-like cape that covers them from head to toe, leaving only the face visible.

Most middle class women have discarded the chador for shorter, button-down caps. These are worn over slacks or dresses cut well above the calf, with only a casually draped coloured scarf covering head and shoulders and lots of hair visible.

Women are wearing cosmetics, too. In the past, they were razor-slashed by fanatical Revolutionary

Guards for appearing in public with lipstick or other make-up.

Some newspaper editorials claim the growing disregard for hejab is part of a foreign-inspired plot to undermine the revolution.

Shamseddin Vahabi, a former member of the militant "students following the Imam's line" group that stormed the US Embassy in Tehran 10 years ago, complained that "nowadays the Imam's line is being threatened by liberalism under the pretext of common sense and realism."

Vahabi was speaking during a debate at Tehran's Al Zahra University to mark the 10th anniversary of the embassy seizure Nov 4, 1979. Radicals view that event as the revolution's seminal triumph over the "great satan," a reference to the United States.

But the heat seems to have gone out of anti-Americanism. A move by the radicals to mark the anniversary of the embassy takeover with a massive anti-American rally fizzled when only a few thousand people showed up.

With Rafsanjani encouraging foreign investment to help pay for post-war reconstruction — heresy to the radicals — Tehran's hotels are teeming with foreign technicians and business executives from Europe and Asia.

## Art Buchwald

## Winners and losers in the fall of Berlin Wall

THERE were winners and losers when the Berlin Wall fell. We saw the winners on television. The losers were nowhere to be seen. Among them were Karl Marx, Friedrich Engels and Vladimir Lenin — the architects of the Communist system which fell on its knees with a thud heard around the world.

The three men were hiding out and refused to speak to reporters. Lenin's wife announced that her husband was disgusted with the way things were going and was leaving on a train for Switzerland.

"What went wrong with communism?" I asked her.

"My husband feels that the Central Committee did not respond to the regional party committee's demands concerning the way the district people's committee operated. When bread became more important than local party study groups, the people turned their backs on all of our five-year plans. My husband is furious with Karl and Friedrich because they should have seen this coming and not left him holding the bag."

"Is communism dead?" I wanted to know.

"Is Stalin dead? The problem was never East Germany or West Germany or even Bulgaria. Communism was a political philosophy based on the theory that if you have three bureaucrats for each

worker, you can double the best crop for your borscht."

"What did Comrade Lenin suggest for Russia if communism didn't work?"

"There was always one democratic economic solution: Shoot everyone who questioned the system."

Lenin, Engels and Marx were not the only big losers last week.

The entire US military/industrial complex was in despair.

A bitter defence contractor told me, "If the USSR tilts toward the West the way East Germany and Poland have, there will be people in the US claiming that we don't need all these billion-dollar weapons. Everyone seems to forget that if they tear down the Berlin Wall, we will have to have more bombers than ever to stop the Albanians from overrunning Western Europe. The time to spend defence money is not when our enemies are preparing for war, but when they are disarming for peace. The military industrial complex has never been fooled by a fresh government in Poland."

Another victim of the end of the cold war is Lucifer Grummdart, a fundamentalist preacher

who headed up the most active anti-Communist organization in America, known as The Anti-Finko Grass-Roots League. Lucifer used to collect millions of dollars from Texas millionaires who wanted to prevent a Commie takeover of the panhandle. With the threat of communism weaker than at any time in the last 50 years, Lucifer's fund-raising sources have dried up.

Grummdart is now looking for free-lance American Communists who can testify on TV that, although communism is sinking behind the Iron Curtain, it is growing in this country. It's a desperate effort on Lucifer's part because all the anti-Red organizations in CIA, there are only three card-carrying Bolsheviks in the US to go around, and they're informers for the FBI.

The final loser of the counter-revolution in Eastern Europe was President Bush. When an aide informed the president of the collapse of the East German government, the president exclaimed, "Golly gumpdors."

The aide cleared his throat and said, "That's the good news. The bad news is that they want you to give them \$550 billion."

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## Letters to the editor

## Disappointing article

SIR: I was disappointed to read Firoze Rangoonwala's article on Dev Anand. I don't understand why Rangoonwala believes that Dev Anand began to produce his films himself in 1949 when he obviously began to produce and direct his films himself in the early seventies.

"Prem Pujari" (1970) was his directorial debut. Rangoonwala ignored some of Dev's outstanding films like "Paying Guest" (1957) wherein Dev chases Nutan on bicycle and sings (Mama Janab Ne Pukara Nahin), a memorable song by Kishore Kumar, "Pocket Maar" in which Dev's mother played by actress Lalita Pawar commits suicide by jumping through the window when she learns that her son has become a pick-pocket, "C.I.D." (1956) which introduced Waheeda Rehman in a cast which also included comedian Mehmod as a professional killer and Mehmod's real sister Minoo Mumtaz as a dancer, "Solva Saaal" (1958) and you certainly remember Hemant Kumar's song (Hai Apna Dil To Awara, Na Jaane Kis Pe Aayega), the train sequence song, "Roop Ki Rani Choron Ka Raja" and "Maya" (1960) were also ignored. And then "Aali Naqli" "Kal ki dulaat aaj ki khushiam unki mehfil apni gailyan asli kiya hai naqli kiya hai puchhon dil se mere" by Rafi. And "Pyar Mohabbat" (1967), the film which was partly shot in Egypt near the Pyramids and the Sphinx. And the song (Pyar Mohabbat Ke Siwa Yeh Zindagi Kyaa Zindagi) As Gale Lag Ja Mujhe Aur Chud De Yeh Dillagi) another memorable song by Rafi in the boat in the sea with Saira Bano. Rangoonwala ignored all these box office hits Dev Anand starred in. In recent years Dev Anand led the cast in "Lashkar" (1989), a very successful film made before his latest "Awwal Number."

To finish this letter Dev Anand's real name is Dharam Anand. He was born on September 26, 1923. He began his film career in 1946 with "Hum Ek Hain" which was directed by Pyarelal Santoshi. This was followed by "Hum Bhi Insaan Hain" and "Ziddi" in 1948. In fact Kishore Kumar began his playback singing career in 1948 with Ziddi. His first song was pictured on Dev Anand. The year 1949 was the year of "Jaal" and "Jeet". In 1950 came "Afsar", "Hindustan Hamara" and "Birha Ki Raat" which co-starred Nargis. Then he continued to star in box office hits like the movies I mentioned in the first paragraph of this letter.

Ali Behbehani  
Hawaii

## Help in distress

SIR: Through the auspices of your newspaper, may I thank the young Kuwaiti gentleman (Salim) for consoling a rather confused and gibbering Scotsman in the Salmiya telephone exchange recently.

Though the distraught fellow's discourse was in Anglo-Saxon monosyllable, Salim showed understanding and sympathy with the poor man's dilemma.

Apparently the poor chap was trying to perform the relatively simple task of having his international line reconnected. Despite several visits (11 working hours) he was no nearer the same as when he first started.

Salim however, proceeded to escort the potential subscriber through the maze of offices and duly succeeded where the latter had failed.

It was a pleasure to meet someone with the qualities of Salim and not the apathy and selfishness which is inherent today in modern society.

John Morris  
Salwa

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## Quote me

"Some have wanted me to go jump on top of the Berlin Wall. Well, I never heard of such a stupid idea. I mean, what good would it do for an American president to be posturing while Germans were flowing back and forth by the millions? It makes no sense at all." — President George Bush dismissing talk of visiting the Berlin Wall.

"We have to forget about this win now. We've been focusing on West Germany or Czechoslovakia because we knew we'd have to play them in the semifinals. Now we'll have to play them in the final. We've been very well telling the US team to put it in win over Czechoslovakia behind them and concentrate on Spain, their next opponents."

"I was inspired by a man who put principle before winning. I was inspired by a man who was the victim of severe prejudice and yet by the strength of his own morality triumphed and won a gold medal for his country." — Mohamed El Fayed buyer of Harold Abrahams Olympic medal.

"I was convinced that I could offer Mancini a tough time. He is better on clay and I knew that in this heat anything can happen." — Aguilera after ousting Alberto Mancini of Argentina.

"Those were tough days. Besides, as number seven, the pressure on me was very strong. Now my head is under control and once I improve my physical shape I think I'll be able to play my best tennis again." — Spain's Juan Aguilera on his 7th ranked world position in 1984.

"He only said he wants to eventually play in the NBA. Brian is very happy here and very comfortable. Both of us are happy where we are right now. We've been very well taken care of." — Perry trying to reduce the heat on fellow American Brian Shaw who the Italian press accused of saying he doesn't like Italy.

"I have to apologize for the colds you will get tomorrow. But you have to understand, we haven't been able to talk audience in Chicago."

"Everything indicates I'll be here all year. When the season ends, I'll sit down and evaluate my situation and decide whether to play in Rome or in Cleveland." — Danny Ferry, professional basketball star with 11 Massimo of Italy, saying he likes it in Italy.

"I think that for us as organizers it is important to have attention on us from the most important country and market in the world." — Luca Montezemolo, the general manager of the 94 US World Cup organizing committee on Italian congratulation of the US team for qualifying for '90 World Cup in Italy.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

- 602 — Roman Emperor Maurice and his five sons are beheaded at Chalcedon in Asia Minor.
- 1703 — Coastal storm in England takes estimated 8,000 lives.
- 1879 — French chamber is moved from Versailles to Paris.
- 1919 — Bulgaria signs World War I peace treaty which yields territory to Greece and Yugoslavia.
- 1926 — Communists revolt in Java, Indonesia.
- 1940 — Germany annexes French province of Lorraine during World War II.
- 1950 — United Nations troops retreat in Korea.
- 1961 — Soviet Union proposes immediate ban on nuclear testing without international controls.
- 1962 — Britain agrees to provide arms to India to resist Chinese aggression.
- 1966 — UN General Assembly debates question of seating China.
- 1969 — South Yemen announces extensive nationalization programme.
- 1987 — Troops comb Matabeleland bush in Zimbabwe for rebels who hacked to death 16 missionaries and their children.
- 1988 — Syrian peacekeeping troops intervene to halt fighting by rival Shiite Muslim militias around Iranian embassy in Beirut.



# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Kuwait's money supply growth quickens

IN September 1989 money supply grew — after its decline in the two preceding months — by 0.7 per cent (KD35 million) over the previous month, totalling KD5,359 million. It was noticed that the increase in money supply was most pronounced in commercial banks, mainly in sight deposits which grew by KD20 million over the previous month, next in currency in circulation (KD8 million) and in savings deposits (KD7 million), against a decline of KD12 million in time deposits. Deposits denominated in foreign currencies increased by KD12

million, according to Monthly Monetary Review published by Kuwait Central Bank.

As for public debt instruments, the Central Bank of Kuwait offered in September 1989 four issues of treasury bills (from issue no. 68 to issue No. 71), totalling KD500 million. Meanwhile, four issues of these bills (issue Nos. 55, 57, 58 and 59) matured, totalling KD499.05 million. Thus, the outstanding balance of public debt instruments recorded only a slight increase (not exceeding one million KD or 0.05 per cent over the previous month) to reach KD2010 million, KD445 million from

treasury bonds and KD1565 million from treasury bills.

The issues of treasury bills had a high demand in September 1989 reflected by oversubscription for these issues, which ranged between 150 per cent (for issue No. 71) and 195.6 per cent (for issue No. 68) an average of 176.3 per cent for all issues. Furthermore, the Central Bank continued its intervention in the money market through open market operations, buying and selling treasury bills, totalling KD213 million (KD261 million in the previous month).

The most important developments in interest rates in the money market and

the KD exchange rate in September 1989 were as follows:

Interest rates on interbank KD deposits declined on all maturities (excluding overnight deposits) at relatively slight rates ranging between 0.20 per cent (from 8.20 per cent to 8.18 per cent) on one-week deposits and 2.75 per cent (from 8.70 per cent to 8.46 per cent) on one-year deposits. Meanwhile, these rates were 1.54 per cent (from 8.54 per cent to 8.40) on one-month deposits and 2.64 per cent (from 8.66 per cent to 8.43 per cent) on three-month deposits.

The decline in interest rates on KD in the money market comes in the context

of improvement in local banks' liquidity resulting from residents' deposits and Central Bank operations with these banks. However, the decline in interest rates on KD was accompanied by a noticeable increase (35.1 per cent or KD145 million) in intercommercial deposits in KD, against a decline of 9.7 per cent in the previous month.

During September 1989, the KD exchange rate rose against major currencies (excluding the US dollar) at rates ranging between 2.12 per cent against the Japanese yen and 0.64 per cent against the French franc. Mean-

while, they were 1.11 per cent, 0.97 per cent, 0.8 per cent and 0.80 per cent against the Swiss franc, the pound sterling, the Deutsche mark and the Italian lira respectively. Against the US dollar the KD declined slightly (0.98 per cent) below its level in the previous month, as the US dollar exchange rate ranged during September 1989 between 296.99 fils and 301.81 fils, an average of 300.14.

As for the aggregate balance sheet of local banks (commercial and specialised) in September 1989, this balance realised a noticeable growth of KD 160 million (1.2 per cent) over the previous month, totalling KD13194 million.

## Second Money '89 exhibition opens today

FORTY-EIGHT exhibitors from sixteen countries are participating in the second Money Exhibition which opens tomorrow in Hall 1 of the Dubai World Trade Centre, being held from Nov 27-30, under the patronage of Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, UAE Minister of Finance and Industry.

With over 40 per cent of repeat exhibitors, the 1989 event reflects the success of the money exhibition held last year. Firms participating again include: Al Tawfeek Investment Funds, Arabian General Investment Corporation, Bank of Oman, Banks Association of Egypt, Barclays Bank PLC, BMI Contract Publishing, Canadian Embassy, Eagle Star International, Gartmore, Hill Samuel Investment Services group, Hong Kong Bank group (BMBE), Investment Property Reversions Ltd, Lloyds Bank PLC, Nomura, Oman Finance, Scimitar Asset Management Ltd, Shearson Lehman Hutton Europe Inc., State Bank of India, the Universal group and Young & Company.

New participants this year are: Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank, Algemeine Bank Nederland, American Career Training Corporation, Amro Bank, Bank of Bahrain and Kuwait, Bank of Credit and Commerce, CHB Futures, European Property Company, First Canadian Investors Data Bank Inc., Frank Salt (Real Estate) Ltd, Financial Planning Services Ltd, Gold Council, Income & Capital Management by Finet Services Ltd, Investment International/Charterhouse Communications, Jardine Fleming Unit Trust Ltd, Kuwait Foreign Trading Contracting & Investment Co., Kuwait International Investment Company, Le Roy McDowell, Miraflores UK Ltd, Mirco SA, MKP Consultants, Ocean Securities Ltd, Portfolio Management Services/Balford & Co, Santo Geneva, Singapore International Monetary Exchange Ltd and United Investment.

The exhibition has developed and learned from the highly successful format of the prestigious money shows held annually in Hong Kong and London.

**Biman revises winter schedule**

BIMAN, Bangladesh Airlines, has revised its winter schedule, which will be effective from Nov 30, 1989. Biman flies from Kuwait on Thursday, departing at 1555 hours via Sharjah only. Previously, Biman flew via Baghdad and Sharjah. Connections are available to Calcutta, Kathmandu, Bangkok and Singapore.

Biman passengers are advised to reconfirm their seats 72 hours before departure. They are also asked to report for check-in four hours before departure to complete immigration formalities.

## Economies locked in vicious circle

ABU DHABI, Nov 26, (Reuters): Arab economies are entering the 1990s locked in a vicious circle of poor production capacity and increasing demand from growing populations, the Arab Banks Union (ABU) said in its latest annual survey.

"To break this vicious cycle, our economies need efforts to increase the performance of our production," said the report from the Beirut-based organisation, which groups about 90 per cent of Arab banks.

"We are supposed to provide new jobs for 85 million workers by the end of this century. We should not enter (the new century) counting our illiteracy rates and food gaps," it said.

The report, which covers statistical data for 1988, said the value of the Arab world's gross domestic product (GDP), the measure of domestic economic activity, fell by six per cent in 1988 while world GDP grew.

It said the decline was due to a drop in the price of oil.

## Opec have-nots wage fight over quotas

# Ministers at impasse on production sharing

VIENNA, Nov 26, (Agencies): Opec oil ministers on the second day of their year-end conference ran into a total impasse today on any new system of sharing production among the 13 member countries.

There was no full meeting and most ministers waited in their hotel suites to be contacted by a small working group led by Opec president Riwanu Lukman, the Nigerian Oil Minister.

Delegates said there was general agreement on raising the official Opec output ceiling by between five and 10 per cent because of current strong demand and stable prices.

"But that is where agreement stops," a ranking Gulf official said.

"Many members are unwilling or even unable because of political or financial reasons to make concessions and accept lower production allocations," the official said.

"Libya and Algeria are already at capacity levels but politically are unable to tell their people that their production shares within Opec have gone down to give others more," one delegate said.

Nigeria and Venezuela for their part indicated readiness to accept lower shares but only if dominant Saudi Arabia also agrees to reduce its percentage allotment.

Saudi Oil Minister Hisham Nazer, participants said, has repeatedly told the others that his country will not cede "one single barrel" and will maintain its 24.5 per cent share whatever the Opec ceiling. Many participants increasingly felt today that there would be a fall-back accord to simply hike the official production ceiling on the basis of existing percentage quotas.

The figure most mentioned was 22 million barrels a day for the first half of 1990 with a possible downwards revision for the second quarter if demand becomes weaker.

That would represent a 7.3 per cent increase over the current Opec ceiling of 20.5 million barrels daily — a nominal figure



Riwanu Lukman

anyway because total output due to cheating on quotas is around 23.5 million barrels.

Poorer oil exporters waged a rearguard battle today to stop the big Gulf Arab producers helping themselves to a bigger slice of the market for Opec oil.

Talks among the 13 oil ministers of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec), in a fourth day, were near deadlock on setting new output quotas to defend prices.

"Today is a holiday," said Iranian Minister Gholamreza Azagadeh when a reporter asked

if progress was being made in bilateral haggling.

Prices could weaken in the seasonal period of slack fuel demand between the northern winter and the summer holiday motoring season if Opec fails to trim the excess.

A deal aired in the talks would set a ceiling on the total no higher than 22.5 million barrels a day.

The poorer, debt-laden sellers, particularly Nigeria but also Algeria, Libya and Indonesia would not cede any share if Saudi Arabia did nothing to help its own Arab allies and if Iran and Iraq made only token concessions.

"How does a minister go home and explain it?" asked one senior non-Gulf delegate.

Delegates said Venezuela was happier because Opec was winking at the way it was calling more than 100,000 of its barrels gas condensate when they probably should be classified as crude oil and subject to quota rules.

Some ministers believe, prices could drop a dollar or so. The current average for a basket of seven key Opec crudes is \$17.15 per barrel, higher than 14 in 1988 but below the Opec target of 18.

For the consumer the kind of fall in prospect for crude oil is unlikely to make much difference at the pumps.

One big Western oil company believes Opec might even get away with continuing its production near current levels although a private forecast said this would be risky.

## Most joint ventures still profitable

### China tries to lure new business

BEIJING, Nov 26, (AP): Most foreign-invested joint ventures in China are reporting profits despite scepticism and a cloudy business climate in the wake of the bloody crackdown on dissent last June, a government news report said yesterday.

About 85 per cent of the 8,000 Sino-foreign joint ventures have been profitable, the state-run Xinhua news agency said.

"If nobody makes a profit in China, how can we explain the fact that the number of businesses with foreign capital is increasing year by year, and many of them are expanding?" Xinhua quoted Jing Shuping, president of China International Economic Consultants, as saying.

In the first three quarters of the year, 4,281 Sino-foreign joint ventures were launched, with a total contracted value of \$4 billion, Xinhua said.

Since market-oriented economic reforms were begun 10 years ago, China has approved 20,778 foreign-funded businesses, including 11,286 equity joint ventures, 7,712 contractual joint ventures and 1,230 firms wholly owned by foreign investors, the report said.

They accounted for pledges of \$32.2 billion by foreign investors and paid-in foreign investment of \$14.1 billion.

The report quoted unnamed analysts as noting that low monthly wages of 100 yuan (\$27), low taxes and a potential market of 1.1 billion people are the main incentive for foreign investment in China.

It cited the example of Yili-Nabisco Biscuit and

Food Co., a Sino-US joint venture which makes Ritz crackers which has captured 70 per cent of the biscuit market in Beijing and reached this year's profit target in only six months.

But uncertainties following the army's crackdown on the student-led democracy movement led to an exodus of foreign businessmen in June, and sanctions imposed by Western governments have frozen loans, equipment and technical exports, and certain kinds of insurance for firms doing business in China.

The government has launched a vigorous propaganda and financial aid campaign to reassure investors and lure new business.

"After the May-June unrest in Beijing, many foreign investors and business people became sceptical about Chinese political and economic stability," Xinhua said. "While some have gradually overcome their concern after learning the true situation, others are not sure how things really stand."

Many of the joint ventures, moreover, are strapped for funds under China's year-old austerity programme, which cuts government spending and credits to industry, and has scrapped thousands of construction projects and implementation of new economic reforms.

"Some enterprises are now facing problems, such as shortages of ready cash, energy and raw materials," Xinhua acknowledged. "Government departments are helping to tide them over by granting new loans and ensuring the supply of materials."

## Iran and Libya to expand trade ties

NICOSIA, Cyprus, Nov 26, (AP): Delegation from Libya and Iran meeting in the Iranian capital of Tehran today called for increased 'commercial ties between the two nations, the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

The agency, monitored in Nicosia, said the Iranian delegation was led by Minister of Heavy Industries, Hadi Nejad-Hosseini. The Libyan delegation was headed by Minister of Strategic Industries Fathi Ben Chatwan, Iran reported.

Nejad-Hosseini noted the two countries' mutual antipathy towards Israel and the "imperialist" powers. He said "the Islamic Republic and Libya should deepen their political ties through expansion of economic relations," Iran said.

It quoted Ben Chatwan as saying the two revolutionary countries close ties formed "a powerful front against Zionism and imperialism."

Nejad-Hosseini expressed interest in setting up a plant to assemble 500 buses a year in Libya, Iran reported.

He said unspecified "banking problems", which hindered mutual trade and technical co-operation should be smoothed out in order to boost economic ties, Iran reported.

It said the Iran-Libya economic-industrial commission agreed to form a joint investment company, but gave no details.

Chatwan arrived in Tehran at the head of a 21-man delegation, Iran said.

Libya was one of Iran's staunchest allies in its 8-year war with Iraq, but relations have been uneven since the August 1988 ceasefire.

## Plan to build nuclear plant

JAKARTA, Nov 26, (Opecna): Studies on the possibility of building a nuclear power plant in Indonesia are continuing, according to Djali Ahimsa, director-general of the National Atomic Energy Agency (Batan).

Briefing Indonesian President Suharto on progress made so far, he said the agency was now searching for a suitable place for the future dumping of nuclear wastes from the plant.

Disclosing that the location of the plant would be at Gunung Munia in central Java, the director-general said it would basically reduce two categories of wastes: those which would have to be kept within the premises of the plant, and those to be disposed of in a special area.

The special area should be thinly populated, have the proper geological formation and be isolated, such as an island is, according to the official.

The plant is scheduled to be operational early in the 21st century or 12 to 13 years from now.

Initially, it is to have a designed capacity of 600-900 mw with the possibility of expanding it to 2,500-3,000 mw. It is to be modelled on nuclear plants existing in France, West Germany or the United States.

Indian rupee	17.660
Sri Lankan rupee	7.540
Pakistani rupee	14.060
Bangladesh taka	9.150
US dollar	29790
Pound sterling	46700
DM mark	08108
Deutsche mark	16570
Japanese yen	002083

## Venezuela remodelling oil industry to pave way for the future

CARACAS, Nov 26, (Opecna): Venezuela, convinced that petroleum will continue to be the leading source of energy in the years to come, is streamlining its state-run oil industry in preparation for greater world oil demand at the end of the century.

Energy and Mines Minister Dr Celestino Armas recently commented on his country's short and medium-term plans regarding the favourable outlook for petroleum as compared with other energy sources such as nuclear and coal.

He forecast that oil prices may remain around their current levels and that petroleum would represent between 50 and 60 per cent of world energy consumption, compared with the current 44-46 per cent level.

The minister also said that given their vast petroleum reserves, Opec producers will have to cover the additional oil demand expected during the late 1990s. Venezuela's proven oil reserves currently stand at nearly 60 billion barrels.

At current production levels, Venezuela continues being an important oil-producing country for another century. If conventional reserves, heavy crudes and bitumen are taken into account, the country could double or even triple this time span.

Armas further pointed out that Venezuela

had vast gas and high-quality coal reserves, not to mention the enormous hydro-electric potential of which only 50 per cent had been developed.

"In other words, there should be no doubt as to the country's capacity to survive as an oil producer in the coming decades," he affirmed.

A wide range of studies show that there will be sustained and stable world economic growth, although not at very high rates. This projection alone means growth in energy demand, according to the minister.

Nuclear energy is facing a series of problems throughout the world. Some countries, such as Italy and Sweden, have ordered the complete shutdown of nuclear plants, and in many parts of the world there is growing reaction against the use of nuclear energy, particularly after the Chernobyl disaster in the Soviet Union.

Important growth in world consumption of coal is expected, but here again, severe atmospheric restrictions must be faced.

The United States and, particularly Southeast Asia, lead to the assumption that in the coming years it will be a part of the multi-energy "menu," although not the determining resource.

Hydro-electricity and solar energy demand

will also grow slightly, but not significantly in terms of overall world energy demand.

On the other hand, more and more gas will be used as a source of energy. In fact, that trend is already evident in Europe, where the Soviet Union supplies gas to most countries on the continent.

Armas singled out a recent accord between the Soviet Union and Iran that "could be a significant step in the supply of energy in Europe."

Under the agreement, the Soviet Union would allow Iran to use its gaslines to extend supplies to Poland, Hungary and other neighbouring countries.

However, the greatest demand will be for petroleum, and it is expected that it will be substantial.

When asked where that oil would come from, Armas pointed out that non-Opec countries, including the United States, were reaching the limit of their production capacity and it was believed that their production would level off in the very short term.

Added to this, he said, was the growing internal demand in the countries in question which was going to mean a cut-back in volumes normally available for export.

He explained that not all Opec member countries would be able to cover the future

growth in energy demand. The role petroleum was going to play as a source of energy in the future "is going to depend heavily on the pricing policy followed."

Said Armas: "I believe that all of us, exporting and consuming countries, developing and industrialized nations, share the opinion that a policy of violent variations in prices definitely is inconvenient and in the long run hurts everyone: the producing countries, because it causes violent declines in revenues, and the industrialized countries, because it prevents them from carrying out appropriate planning of development programmes."

He declared: "If we think of a relatively stable world, prices should remain around the levels they are today, with a trend towards progressive growth, perhaps in line with certain percentages of world inflation and with the dollar exchange rate, mainly in relation to European currencies."

"Within this panorama, it is possible that petroleum will represent a more important share of world energy supplies, and we can move from the 44-46 per cent, which petroleum represents today in world energy consumption, to a level above 50 per cent, perhaps with a trend towards the 60 per cent level within five or six years," he said.

That would mean greater demand for Opec

oil, which was where Venezuela must take measures and immediate action to be ready for that future demand, Armas said.

The Venezuelan minister said his country's oil industry had been given guidelines to set a goal for increasing its production capacity to 3.2 million BPD by 1995 (current output capacity is around 2.8 million BPD). This meant that the country could produce around 2.8 million BPD or 2.9 million BPD by 1995.

However, the minister noted that to raise Venezuela's production capacity would require sizeable investments that were not currently available in the country.

He also said that important investments would be needed in the area of petrochemicals, which Venezuela regarded most important.

Armas underlined the Venezuelan government's plan to enter into a petrochemical association arrangement with Canadian and Italian firms that called for huge investments in joint-venture plants in Venezuela and the US.

The minister suggested that the granting of service contracts for oil exploration, where the private company would shoulder any risks, might be one alternative to be considered in efforts to boost the country's production capacity.

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Fresh move to keep inflation tightly under control

# Fed setting the stage for wider lowering of bank prime lending rate

NEW YORK, Nov 26, (UPI): The Federal Reserve nudged the economy at the opening of the holiday season by easing credit another notch and setting the stage for wider lowering of the bank prime lending rate—a step widely seen as a response to concerns about increased economic sluggishness.

Economists had expected credit to loosen, but were nonetheless surprised by the Fed's Thanksgiving eve injection of reserves. That lowered the Fed funds interest rate—what banks charge each other for overnight loans of funds to 8-1/8 from its previous 8-3/8 level.

The Fed soaked up some of that greater liquidity at the end of the week, but experts said they believed those open-market operations were just fine-tuning to bring the Fed funds rate to 8-

1/4 per cent. Money centre banks had not yet moved to lower their 10-1/2 per cent prime rates.

The move caught some observers off balance, coming just a day after Labour Department statisticians reported retail prices were up a sharp 0.5 per cent in October. It was the biggest surge in the consumer price index since May and ended four months of relatively moderate inflation.

The Federal Reserve's easing of credit suggests that the US Central Bank is becoming as concerned about a pronounced downturn in the American economy as it is about keeping inflation tightly under control.

The stock market got off to a bad start as New York Stock Exchange defence issues reeled following Defence

Secretary Dick Cheney's announcement of Pentagon spending cuts. It lost more ground in a selloff of takeover-related stocks.

After the Thanksgiving hiatus the market rose in light post-holiday trading driven by renewed Japanese interest and high-tech issues.

There was a shakeup in the long-running Eastern Airlines strike, as President Bush vetoed legislation that would have created a congressional commission to mediate the bitter, 8-month-old dispute.

Eastern ground workers stood alone after unions representing 2,250 pilots and 6,000 flight attendants ended their involvement in the labour fight. Mechanics and others vowed to carry on the work stoppage.

The president vetoed the bill minutes before a midnight deadline, saying the bankruptcy court assigned to determine Eastern's fate "should not be disturbed." Labour leaders denounced the veto as an insult to American workers.

Eastern and AMR Corp. reopened discussions on the sale of Eastern assets that include the airline's lucrative South American routes, valued at \$365 million. Selling those routes is one part of the Eastern plan for reorganisation after its March filing for federal bankruptcy protection.

In other airline action, UAL Corp.'s pilots agreed to an indefinite extension of interim concessions they had granted to management as part of their failed

efforts to buy the airline. The move abated fears pilots were thinking of pulling out of efforts to buy out the carrier.

A highly leveraged takeover effort valued at \$6.79 billion fell through last month when a coalition of management and pilots failed to obtain financing for the deal. The collapse of the deal was a key catalyst in October's Friday the 13th stock market plunge.

Elsewhere on the takeover front, forest products giant Georgia-Pacific Corp. sweetened its hostile bid for Great Northern Neenah Corp. to \$3.47 billion, or \$63 a share, after its initial \$58-a-share offer was rejected. Analysts said the bid could go as high as \$65 to \$75 a share.

Dun and Bradstreet Corp. said it agreed to acquire Management Science America, an Atlanta-based business software company, for \$333 million. Dun and Bradstreet proposes to firm its market position by merging MSA with its McCormack and Dodge software unit to form Dun and Bradstreet Software Services.

Time Warner Inc. announced it would sell textbook publisher Scott, Foresman and Co. to Harper and Row Publishers Inc. for \$455 million. Harper and Row is held by press baron Rupert Murdoch's News Corp.

Entertainment and media colossus Time Warner, formed in the Time Inc.-Warner Communications merger earlier this year, said it was selling Foresman because it is not a core business.

Analysts said Time Inc. had considered selling the publisher for the past two years.

In other economic news the Labour Department said US workers' real average earnings rose 0.6 per cent in October, the second straight monthly gain. But in buying power workers were worse off than a year ago.

The Commerce Department said Wednesday that new orders for big-ticket durable goods fell 0.6 per cent in October, the second consecutive monthly decline, as the manufacturing sector showed further signs of weakness.

The drop followed a revised 1.1 per cent decline in September and a strong 3.9 per cent uptick in factory orders in August.

## Jordan's draft budget approved

AMMAN, Nov 26, (Reuters): Jordan's government, trying to set a debt-ridden economy to rights, has approved a draft 1990 budget that would slash real spending and freeze public sector wages.

In dollar terms proposed budget spending is 20 per cent lower than the figure for 1989.

The draft budget, endorsed by the cabinet late yesterday, will be presented to the kingdom's newly-elected Parliament soon after it holds its opening session on Monday.

Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Bin Shaker has said he will resign after the session and it is not clear if Finance Minister Basil Jarad will retain his post in the new government.

His budget proposes expenditure of 1.105 billion dinars (\$1.72 billion), slightly up on this year's budgeted spending of 1.035 billion dinars, but down in real terms.

"If they can stick to this, it will be quite something," a Western diplomat commented.

The official cost of living index has risen by 31 per cent in the past 12 months and the Jordanian dinar has lost two fifths of its dollar value during the same period.

Amman is rescheduling its \$8 billion debt with foreign governments and commercial banks.

Jardaneh told reporters that the budget, which forecasts a deficit of 199 million dinars (\$309 million), was in line with Jordan's economic adjustment programme and was designed to increase self-reliance and to boost production and exports.

This year's budget forecast a deficit of 122 million dinars (\$256 million) at end-1988 exchange rates. Economists believe the actual 1989 deficit will be roughly double that figure but no official estimates are available.

Under an agreement with the International Monetary Fund reached just before price riots in April, Jordan is committed gradually to trim its budget deficit over the next five years.

Jardaneh said last month the deficit would be cut to the equivalent of 16.5 per cent of gross domestic product in 1990 from 24 per cent in 1988 and an expected 20.2 per cent in 1989.

The minister revealed only part of the 1990 budget and officials said the rest would stay secret until the draft goes to Parliament for what seems sure to be a lively debate.

There was no word on defence spending, which usually takes the lion's share of the public purse, or on anticipated Arab aid, a vital source of revenue in past years.

Jardaneh raised spending on education and health slightly, but allocated nothing for an increase in public sector wages, which have not risen across the board since March 1985.

He said foreign development loans worth \$317 million would be used to finance the budget deficit. These are expected to come from the World Bank, Japan and West Germany.

## Bonn loan for Hungary

BUDAPEST, Nov 26, (UPI): Hungary will receive a 500 million deutsche mark (\$277 million) loan from West Germany to help restructure its ailing economy, both governments announced today.

West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher and his Hungarian counterpart, Gyula Horn, announced the loan at a joint news conference.

West Germany is "giving full support to Hungary in the radical changes that are taking place," said Genscher, who was wrapping up a three-day visit to

# US can avoid 1990 recession: OECD

Inflation expected to hold just under 5 pc

PARIS, Nov 26, (Reuters): The United States can avoid both recession and excessive inflation next year if the Federal Reserve keeps an even grip on credit policy, the OECD said today.

But the US economic outlook will be dogged by its trade and budget deficits, which risk remaining stubbornly high over the coming years.

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the 24-nation Western think-tank, said in its latest US review that price rises may be fanned if the Fed cuts interest rates too swiftly to avoid a recession.

Analysts last week detected an easing of Fed credit policy, apparently in response to data

suggesting an economic slowdown. That was the second perceived credit easing this month.

The OECD report, compiled before these two moves, said that there were arguments for relaxing monetary policy when activity slackens significantly.

"However, for this to be done while the economy remains close to full capacity would entail the risk of a rebound in domestic demand which could exacerbate inflationary pressures," it added.

Despite such caution, the OECD's latest inflation and growth forecasts are a shade more optimistic than previous projections made in June.

US inflation is expected to hold just under five per cent in 1990. Previously, the OECD

estimated it to be 5.25 per cent.

The OECD forecast gross national product (GNP) growth at 2.5 per cent next year, the same as in the second half of 1989.

Last June, it saw GNP growth at 2.25 per cent in 1990 after two per cent in the second half of this year.

But the OECD warned that the trade deficit shows little sign of narrowing after sharp improvements of the past two years, with imports expected to continue to outpace exports.

The 1990 trade deficit is seen at \$105 billion, little changed from this year's \$107 billion and a 1987 peak at \$160 billion.

Financial markets closely watch America's overseas trade

performance to determine if the dollar will have to fall further and make US exports still more competitive.

The OECD also said that failure to meet budget deficit cutting targets would add to the trade and current account problems.

Fiscal measures were needed to dampen consumer spending and reduce the budget deficit. And the OECD recommended ending current tax distortions which discourage private savings.

"If effective action is not taken to meet the (budget) targets, the trade and current account deficits could well remain above \$100 billion over the next five years," the OECD said.

## Gorbachev hopes to persuade Bush

# West's trade curbs must go

MOSCOW, Nov 26, (Reuters): Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev goes to his Mediterranean summit with US President George Bush next weekend planning to urge an end to the West's long-standing curbs on trade with Moscow.

Soviet officials say that despite the political turmoil in Eastern Europe, the Kremlin regards economic co-operation as a prime topic for the two-day meeting on board warships off the two superpowers off Malta.

"The Americans have sown a tremendous amount of goodwill towards us over the changes in our allied states," one said. "We hope this will transform into readiness to lift all barriers to mutual trade and economic relations."

The summit, on December 2 and 3, will be the first between the two since Bush entered the White House in January. It will be Gorbachev's sixth meeting with a US president in four years.

Moscow has waited patiently for Washington to signal its readiness for the encounter, which takes place almost a year after the Soviet president and Communist Party chief met Bush, who was then vice-president, and outgoing president

Ronald Reagan in New York last December.

Gorbachev used that visit to announce to the United Nations a major Soviet military withdrawal from Eastern Europe and bring home to a world audience that the Kremlin had dropped old policies emphasising East-West confrontation.

The Bush administration, after months of deliberation, says it is convinced of the Soviet leader's good faith. The US president himself has said Gorbachev's reforms are a good thing for the world at large.

"Washington has apparently come to the conclusion that perestroika is a deep and irreversible process that opens up possibilities for a safer and more stable climate in Europe and the world, and that that is in US interests," said Pravda commentator Gennady Vasilyev this weekend.

Moscow has made it clear it is not seeking financial aid in spite of the officially-recognised crisis in the Soviet economy. "We have our national self-respect," Foreign Minister Edvard Shevardnadze said this month.

As Shevardnadze himself

indicated, the Soviet Union would like to trade with the United States on the basis of "most favoured nation" treatment, without the heavy duties to which its products are now subject. Moscow officials say Gorbachev is likely to argue that if Bush really believes the Soviet Union no longer presents a military threat, then he should give his own blessing to an end to bars on high technology sales.

The Soviet has said that because of the "strict policies" of his predecessors, the technological revolution that has dramatically reshaped life in the West and Asia has passed his country by.

If Gorbachev is planning to spring a surprise at the summit on the lines of his proposal to Reagan at their meeting in Reykjavik in 1986 on scrapping all nuclear weapons, there has been no sign in Moscow of what it might be.

Talks between the two powers at Geneva on a treaty reducing by half their strategic nuclear arsenals appear to be moving forward after a pause at the start of the Bush administration and a treaty could be ready for a full-scale summit next summer. "Of course, it would not be like

Gorbachev not to have something up his sleeve for Malta," one Soviet journalist said.

Speculation focuses on regional issues—Central America or Afghanistan—as possible areas where the Kremlin chief could suggest a new, perhaps joint, initiative to end long conflicts.

Moscow rejects US complaints that it is still arming the Sandinista government in Nicaragua and encouraging left-wing guerrillas in El Salvador and insists it is urging all forces in the region to work for political solutions.

Soviet commentators on events in both countries have become more neutral and even critical of the leftist forces it would once have supported without hesitation.

Soviet officials say Eastern Europe is bound to figure prominently in the talks but it is not an issue of contention. "Bush and the West at large have shown a great deal of understanding and restraint," one said.

"What we need to do is study how all of us can use the reform process in the East and the process of integration in Western Europe to build a peaceful continent to the benefit of all of us."

## Citibank offers to revamp railroads

BUENOS AIRES, Nov 26, (UPI): Citibank has proposed taking over the money-losing Argentine state-owned railroad system, the bank's Argentina president said yesterday.

Richard Handley said the bank has a plan to turn the organisation into a profit-making entity and then transfer it to employees.

"This is a very preliminary stage," Handley said in an interview with radio Continental yesterday.

"This has to be looked at by the government, and I don't want to raise expectations, because I don't know about this from one day to the next."

Other details of the proposal were outlined yesterday in a separate radio interview by Guillermo Stanley, vice-president of the Citibank subsidiary in Buenos Aires.

He said Citibank would invest \$1.7 billion in financing the reorganisation and modernisation of the dilapidated rails and receive a management fee of an undisclosed percentage that would be based on profits, once the railroads go into the black.

He said there would be no staff dismissals during the seven-year transition period. After the transition, ownership of the railroad would go to the employees, he said.

A spokesman for Economic Minister Nestor Rappanelli told United Press International that the state-run railroad system, nationalised by former president Juan Domingo Peron in the late 1940s, has lost \$870 million so far this year.

The poorly run, feather-bedded Argentine railroad system is frequently cited as a major cause of the perennial government budget deficit and a root cause, along with losses in other state companies, of inflation.

Raul Ravitti, an official of the Railroad Workers Union, told the news agency Noticias Argentinas that the plan to pass railroad ownership to the workers was "fantasy," a project created "for newspapers."

"I don't think that they can make such an offer," Ravitti said.

The economic daily El Cronista published a report yesterday that the transfer has been in the works for months, and was presented to President Carlos Menem by Citicorp president John Reed last week on his visit to Buenos Aires.

The railroad employs about 98,000 persons working on a network of 21,000 miles of track.

On Nov 10, Argentina signed a \$1.4 billion agreement with the International Monetary Fund in Washington, which included a list of economic conditions the country must meet to earn standby credit instalments.

Among the conditions was the reorganisation of state-owned companies, especially the railroad and the publicly owned telephone company, Entel.

## Gulf Bank weekly market review

# KD mostly firmer

BASED on last week's opening middle market FX rates, the KD exchange rates were slightly firmer against the US dollar ending the week at 297.73 fils compared with its week before last closing of 298.35 fils. The KD was higher against the pound sterling, ending the week at 466.77 fils compared with its week before last closing of 471.62 fils. The KD was lower against the DM ending the week at 164.33 fils compared with its week before last closing of 162.08 fils. The KD was lower against the SFR ending the week at 184.95 fils compared with its week before last closing of 183.55, according to Gulf Bank weekly market review.

The KD was higher against the Jordanian dinar ending the week at 434.64 fils compared with its week before last closing of 435.55 fils. The KD was higher against all other GCC currencies compared to the week before last rates.

As to the KD money market, short-term interbank offer rates traded slightly higher over the week. One-month interbank rates traded over the week at 8.56 per cent compared with 8.50 per cent. 3-month interbank rates also traded at 8.56 per cent compared with 8.50 per cent. 6-month interbank rates also traded at 8.56 per cent compared with 8.50 per cent. Rates for longer periods also traded at the same rate of 8.56 per cent for both 6 and 12 months.

The CBK announced its new T-Bill issue No. (80) of KD150 million, with effective and maturity dates of November 29, 1989 and February 28, 1990 respectively.

## World stock markets

Wall Street stock markets continued to move higher over last week aided by news Texas Instruments Inc. was granted a patent of semi-conductors by Japan and by the belief in financial markets that the Fed has eased credit policy slightly further. The Dow Jones Industrial Average opened the week at 2622 and closed higher at 2676, recording a gain of 54 points over the previous week's closing at 2622.

Share prices on the London Stock Exchange eased as concern about sterling weakness dominated sentiment. The UK government is believed it will do anything to avoid another rise in base rates that could provoke an economic recession. However, the government may have no choice if the currency looks like going into free-fall. The FTSE-100 index opened the week at 2193 and closed at 2217, recording a loss of 6 points over the previous week's closing at 2223.

## US dollar

The US dollar for most part of the week traded relatively lower within a narrow range. The dollar's weakness stemmed from the market's strength and weaker US manufacturing sector that led the Fed to loosen its monetary policy.

The US Federal Reserve is most likely planning another easing in credit policy. Just around the mid of the week the Fed lowered its federal funds target to 8.25 per cent from 8.50 per cent, accordingly speculation in the foreign exchange markets has risen that the Central Bank may lower its discount rate which is presently set at 7 per cent. Economists have generally expected the Fed to ease its credit again if not late this year, then early next year.

US budget deficit was recorded at \$26.09 billion for the month of October, the first month of the 1990 fiscal year. The budget deficit for the month of September was revised to \$6.07 billion bringing the entire fiscal 1989 gap to \$152 billion. Previously the US Treasury Department reported the September deficit at \$6.16 billion. In October, outlays amounted to \$94.5 billion, while receipts amounted to \$68.43 billion. Later in the week the Congress approved \$14.7 billion spending cuts and tax increases to trim the fiscal 1990 budget deficit. The budget deficit reconciliation bills aim to cut the deficit to no more than \$100 billion.

US durable goods for the month of October recorded a surprisingly small 0.6 per cent decline. The decline marked a continued slowdown in the US economy, and it does not alter the view that the Federal Reserve will ease credit soon. The drop in US durable goods was far below the predicted 2.1 per cent fall. The 3 per cent jump in transportation orders helped boost the overall report, and excluding that sector September goods orders would have revised sharply downward to a 1.1 per cent loss from a 0.2 per cent gain reported earlier.

US Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose 0.5 per cent in October after 0.2 per cent climb in September, paced by higher prices for housing, gasoline and cars. The CPI rose by 4.6 per cent in the first 10 months of the year, compared with a 4.4 per cent rate for all 1988. The so-called core index, which excludes the volatile food and energy components, also rose by 0.5 per cent during the month. Although the economy is slowing dramatically, inflation has held steady in its current range.

## Pound sterling

The pound opened the week against the US dollar at \$1.5585/95 and closed at \$1.5620/30 near its week before last closing at \$1.6665/75. The UK currency came under pressure in reaction to a firm market and worries over UK balance of payments.

Although the figures showed smaller UK balance of payments deficit than expected, the pound continued to suffer. However, if the deficit continues to narrow, one of the major reasons for the high levels of UK interest rates will be eliminated. The UK current account deficit narrowed to £1.5 billion in October from £1.6 in September, while the trade deficit registered £1.8 billion in October, down from £1.9 billion in September. Also concern about the chances of higher German interest rates, a UK recession next year and the possible challenge to Margaret Thatcher's leadership of the Conservative Party is hurting the pound. The UK currency is in a downward spiral and that pattern is expected to continue in the short-term.

## Japanese yen

The yen opened the week against the US dollar at 144.35/40 yen and closed the week higher at 143.50/60 yen compared to its week before last closing at 144.20/30 yen. The Yen's downside trend was limited by fears of increasing intervention efforts by Bank of Japan as well as market profit-taking.

Bank of Japan's governor Satoshi Sumita, announced that he does not expect any change in the Central Bank's basic monetary stance under the new governor, Yasuhiro Mieno. The new appointment will be formally approved by the cabinet on December 15, 1989, and will take effect on December 17, 1989. Mieno's tenure as governor is expected to raise their long-term prime rate to 6.5 per cent in December from 6.2 per cent in November, although BOJ's governor announced that the bank will not raise its official discount rate just because of a rise in the money market rates. Bank of Japan is still monitoring the effects of the latest increase in the official discount rate, and it continues to take a cautious monetary stance to ensure price stability.

The mark opened the week against the US dollar at 1.8335/45 marks and closed the week slightly higher at 1.8000/10 marks, compared to its week before as it continued to benefit from prospects of sustained economic growth which would give the Bundesbank little scope to ease monetary policy. The mark's strong gains since East German government opened its borders to the W. German currency. Many do not believe the mark, which is already up over 1 per cent against a basket of 18 major currencies, can even rise further. It is also widely believed that the Bundesbank will do nothing to prevent the mark from rising further, since a stronger mark would help combat W. German inflationary threats.

Over the past few weeks, the mark seems to be the main feature in the foreign exchange markets. Although the mark had encountered some resistance at the 1.80 level however, given its current fundamentals, most likely the mark is expected to reach its resistance level and continue its strong advance probably reaching 1.76 to 1.78 by the end of the coming week.

## French franc

The French franc opened the week against the US dollar at 6.2440/60 FFR and closed higher at 6.1405/25 FFR compared to its week before last closing at 6.2620/40 FFR. French unemployment showed a fall of 0.3 per cent in October to 2.526 million after 2.533 million in September. However, the reduction was too small to offset the percentage of the workforce unemployed, which remained unchanged at 9.5 per cent.

The Swiss franc opened the week against the US dollar at 1.6305/10 SFR and closed higher at 1.6090/00 SFR, compared to its week before last closing at 1.6320/30 SFR.

## Precious metals

Precious metals prices rose sharply last week as the gold market rose uninterrupted as consistent and solid buying interest outweighed profit-taking. Several factors have combined to draw interest towards gold. One of the main factors is the advance has been the decline in the dollar which has resulted from the Fed refrained from selling. Physical demand has been strong, while producers have

Gold bullion prices opened the week at 396/396.50 \$/oz and closed sharply higher at 416.416.50 \$/oz, recording a gain of 24 \$/oz over the previous week's



# Irish explorer recreates legendary voyages and retraces Crusade

DUBLIN, (Reuters): Explorer Tim Severin spent a decade at sea recreating the legendary voyages of Sinbad the Sailor, Jason and the Argonauts, and the Irish monk St Brendan.

Then he deserted the open sea for a saddle to relive the 11th century Christian crusade that took up to 100,000 European knights and pilgrims, across 16 countries to conquer Jerusalem.

Through Bavarian forests, down Turkish mountains, across Syrian deserts he rode for almost nine months.

The horses faced searing heat, torrential rain. They were hit by an army truck, buzzed by a military helicopter, stoned by children, covered in boils and gashed in accidents.

One of the horses, a sturdy Irish trekking pony, died of colic. The other four used on the

gruelling 4,000 km (2,500 miles) trip all survived.

An Ardennes heavy horse, the nearest Severin could find to a mediaeval battle charger, is enjoying honourable retirement in Austria. One of the ponies went to a Jordanian landowner, two others are adored pets on an Israeli kibbutz.

The wily explorer's account of sailing across the Atlantic in an open leather boat, retracing a sixth century voyage by the Irish monk St Brendan, became an instant international bestseller when first published in 1978.

His tale of surviving whales, gales and icebergs is still selling well. "I have honestly lost count of how many languages it has been translated into," Severin said.

The Oman government helped to finance

the building of a traditional Arab dhow so Severin could retrace the voyage of the Arabian Nights hero Sinbad the Sailor.

Next came a reproduction trireme from classical Greece to follow the route taken by Jason and the Argonauts in their search for the Golden Fleece. The same ship was used for retracing Ulysses' Odyssey back from the Trojan wars.

All produced successful books and now he hopes to do the same with his landbound adventure entitled simply "Crusader."

Reflecting on the difference between exploring on land and sea, he told Reuters in the comparative comfort of a luxury Dublin hotel: "It is just as wearing and tiring in the saddle."

"But you don't get major crises like you do at sea like the boat falling to bits or bad

weather."

The intrepid adventurer was accompanied on his 20th century crusade by restaurant manager Sarah Dorman, who, in truly haphazard Irish style, decided to join on the spur of the moment.

He met her quite by chance while eating in the restaurant near his own county Cork Home with a book on the Crusades propped up on his plate.

"She was probably the true descendant of the workaday Crusader she understood horses perfectly, picked up languages readily and drank with gusto."

Together they retraced the epic journey embarked on in 1069 by Duke Godfrey de Bouillon who mortgaged his castle and estates and set out with a small army to conquer Jerusalem.

"He was the symbol of the perfect knight, the ideal Crusader. (Britain's) Richard the Lionheart set out to emulate him when he went on his crusade later," Severin said with unstinting enthusiasm for the knight whose path he followed.

What about the highs and lows? "Hungary was superb because of the people and they are so brilliant with horses. The Bulgarians went way over the top in such a splendid way to welcome us."

Reflecting on the Middle East, he said: "Everybody in the border areas of Israel seemed to be on the verge of a nervous breakdown. It was a very tense time. The intifada (the Palestinian uprising against Israeli rule in the occupied territories) was really biting."

"We deliberately kept as low a profile as possible. We were walking down shuttered

streets. But I wasn't in the least bit disappointed by Jerusalem. Nothing seemed to have changed in 800 years."

As his riding boots clicked on the stone floor of their last stop, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Severin was confronted by souvenir stalls selling replica crowns of thorns. There was even a moneylender hovering in the courtyard.

When they were riding through Bulgaria the year before, an old peasant woman had reached up, given Severin three little coins and said: "Place them by Christ's grave."

He kept his promise. "Next to the stone slab on which Jesus Christ's corpse was said to have been laid was a small offertory box. I reached over and dropped in the three small coins. My own crusade was done."

## Many theories, many queries

A year after Flight 103 blew up

LONDON, (AP): Nearly a year after Pan Am Flight 103 blew up, investigators hunting the bombers struggle with an international web of evidence, theory and tales of political intrigue.

Theories abound. Some conflict, other interlock. Providing any of them is another matter.

Terrorism experts and media investigations have pointed to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command. One theory is that Iran hired the organisation to avenge a US warship's July 1988 downing of an Iran Air jet with 290 people aboard. Iran has denied any involvement.

Flight 103 of Dec 21 was an ordinary flight full of ordinary people: students going home for Christmas, GIs taking infants to meet their grandparents; a newly engaged couple, a pilot's wife, a Peace Corps volunteer.

The New York-bound Boeing 747 blew up over the Scottish town of Lockerbie, killing all 259 people aboard and 11 on the ground.

The Dumfries and Galloway constabulary, Lockerbie's regional police force, still heads the investigation. Eighty officers are assigned to the investigation, which has stretched to West Germany, Malta and Scandinavia.

Inspector Thomas McCullough said 85 per cent of the Boeing 747 has been recovered, along with 16,000 pieces of belongings that were on board.

"We are making satisfactory progress with the investigation," McCullough told the Associated Press. "Our progress to date certainly makes us optimistic that there will be a satisfactory conclusion."

Police won't say more. There are reports of friction between the British and West German police. The two forces don't even agree publicly about whether the bomb was planted in Frankfurt, London or elsewhere.

It is a key question, and the answer will help fix the blame for the security lapse that allowed the bomb aboard.

Lord Fraser, the Lord Advocate, Scotland's senior law officer, recently appealed to the news media to exercise restraint in their reporting, lest they "seriously jeopardise the international criminal investigation and any future court proceedings."

What is officially on record is that the bomb was made of a plastic explosive packed in a Toshiba radio-cassette player, and hidden in a suitcase that was loaded into a forward cargo hold.

Paul Channon, Britain's transport secretary at the time, said the bomb was probably made from semtex, the colourless, odourless, putty-like explosive made in Czechoslovakia.

Deputy chief constable John Orr said the "balance of probabilities" pointed to the bomb being loaded on a Boeing 727 in Frankfurt, where Flight 103 originated.

Passengers and baggage continuing on to New York were transferred to the larger plane at London's Heathrow airport, and the hold where the bomb exploded contained mostly baggage loaded in Frankfurt and a small amount of interline baggage, Orr said.

West German police maintain there's not enough evidence to prove the bomb was put on board in Frankfurt.

Paul Wilkinson, an Aberdeen University professor who studies terrorism, said the Popular Front, a radical Palestinian group based in Syria, fits the bombmakers' profile.

"They have the expertise, they have a tradition of this type of attack, they have been caught red-handed in West Germany with this type of bomb," he said in an interview.

FLP-GC leader Ahmed Jibril, a former Syrian Army captain, has denied involvement but admits his faction has used devices such as the one that destroyed Flight 103.

The British Broadcasting Corp. and others have named the bombmaker as Marwan Khreizat, a Jordanian member of the Popular Front.

Khreizat was among 16 Palestinians suspected of planning a terrorist attack who were arrested in West Germany two months before the Pan Am bombing. In raids in Frankfurt and Nuremberg, police also seized semtex bombs with air pressure-sensitive detonators, like the one that would rip apart Flight 103.

All but two of the Palestinians were released. The BBC-TV investigative programme "Panorama" said Khreizat was freed because he was a double agent working inside the Popular Front for Jordanian intelligence, and is now living in Jordan.

While the Sunday Times of London made a connection to Iran, CBS said in February the attack was in revenge for the 1986 US bombing of Libya and the US decision to talk with the PLO.

They said Jibril cleared the operation with Syrian intelligence and had the full backing of the Libyan secret service.

The Sunday Times said Jibril ordered his top aide, Hafez Dalkamoni, to set up the bombing team, and that Dalkamoni recruited Khreizat. Dalkamoni and another Palestinian are in jail in West Germany as the result of the October raids.

The Sunday Times said Khreizat assembled the bomb in Frankfurt and that it was smuggled to Malta, a Mediterranean island republic with close ties to Libya.

Dalkamoni and Mohammed Abo Talb, an admitted member of the Palestine Popular Struggle Front, another extremist faction, went to Malta and told the cell to put the bomb on the Dec 21 Air Malta flight to Frankfurt, the newspaper said.

Abo Talb is one of three Palestinians on trial in Sweden for bomb attacks in northern Europe on Israeli and American targets. Court records examined there by the Associated Press confirm Talb visited Malta Oct 19-26, 1988, after spending one day in Cyprus.

The Sunday Times said a baggage list shows one suitcase was transferred onto the Pan Am flight in Frankfurt from Air Malta Flight KM180. In violation of international regulations, it was not accompanied by a passenger. Air Malta says all the flight's passengers and baggage are accounted for.

The newspaper said West German authorities knew about the possible Malta connection in February but didn't tell the British until August, when the British said the bomb suitcase contained clothes made and sold in Malta.

The Sunday Correspondent maintains the bomb began its journey in Lararnia, Cyprus. It said at least four US intelligence officers boarded a Frankfurt-bound Cyprus Air flight on Dec 21 and transferred to Flight 103, and that one of their suitcases was switched.

A report obtained by British relatives of Pan Am victims said up to eight CIA agents were on Flight 103, returning home after pinpointing the location of US hostages in Lebanon.

The report, said to have been prepared by a private investigator hired by Pan Am's insurance underwriters, says the agents also discovered a CIA-protected drug smuggling ring at Frankfurt airport.



Designer-labelled Cartratu bags from the Carratu museum of fakes.

## Racket-buster in action

# Beware of fakes

LOOK closely at those expensive designer jeans, Porsche glasses and Rolex watches.

Are they really what they seem?

Or cheap, low quality copies? For the expression "you get what you pay for" no longer means all that it should.

Counterfeiting, whether in clothes, perfume or car parts, is big, big business. And getting bigger.

Already up to six per cent of all world trade is counterfeit — nearly \$60 billion a year.

But before you rush out to inspect your latest buy, take heart, a new racket-buster is here to stem the flowing tide.

Headed by Eric Ellen, Britain's Counterfeiting Intelligence Bureau is determined to stamp out all illegal traffic in fake goods.

He told me: "The bureau is long overdue. It should have been started 25 years ago. Instead it has been left to manufacturers themselves to clamp down on the counterfeiters."

The "problem" is now almost an epidemic.

The American car industry alone has lost a staggering \$12.5 billion and 29,000 jobs through autoprofit counterfeiting. Counterfeit brake shoes are available that provide little or no braking, while power-steering belts, indicators and filler caps have also been discovered.

A bus accident traced to counterfeit brakes has already cost several British lives.

Other counterfeit money-spinners include spark plugs, oil, generators and fan belts which although they don't risk life, have forced motoring manufacturers to dig deep into already shallow pockets.

Even NASA's space shuttle and RAF helicopters have fallen victim to the faking trade.

Companies have been forced to take on specialist detective staff and hire private investigators. But the trouble with this system is that it doesn't protect the general public, says Eric Ellen.

"There was no where a customer could go to pass on counterfeit information."

The new bureau follows startling personal success by top international investigator Vincent Carratu.

Hired to find out who was behind a flood of fake Chanel No. 5 cent, he traced the elaborate business venture to a five-man team operating from workshops in London's East End.

Posing as a buyer, he secretly taped conversations he had with a phoney distributor. Then he turned them over to police.

Three months later, when police raided the workshop, an impressive haul of bottle labels, ingredients and packaging were found. The ringleaders were all jailed for their part in a multi-million fraud ring.

Carratu International now has

five national offices and has won world-wide renown.

The ex-fraud squad inspector's methods, based on painstaking surveillance and intelligence work, have solved more than 60,000 cases. Yet, as he readily admits, this is only the tip of the iceberg.

As we talked in his South London office in Morden, news of another successful case in Germany broke. Leaning back in his chair, visibly relieved, Vincent Carratu explained: "I think that's the hardest part — the hours of waiting before we know our operatives have produced solid evidence for the police."

"They could be lying in a gutter with a knife in their stomach for all we know."

"Everything may work smoothly for months even years, but when it comes to the crunch there is always that agonising wait until the agent phones in."

The cloak-and-dagger element has, if anything, become worse in recent years and undercover work is still thought to be the best approach. Carratu himself joined a counterfeit gang in the Middle East for eight months on the trail of fake razor blades.

He says: "It is often the only way to be sure of what is going on."

He now uses more than 80 agents, all specially trained and fluent in at least three languages — an essential requirement for the do-or-die situations which many are forced into.

But if the actions of men in the field conjure visions of James Bond, the in-office technology that backs up Carratu's team has made their job considerably easier.

Analysed

Says Carratu: "Every counterfeit article which passes through our hands has been examined in a laboratory for identifying marks. Over the years we have built up a catalogue of features that can distinguish fake goods — a faulty mould or slightly off-colour dye."

"If we then discover a counterfeit article or a manufacturer brings one to us, all we have to do is analyse it and we can usually find a marking we have seen before."

"The computer will then come up with any cross matches so we can tell which countries the articles came from. That's when we brief our agents and fly them out."

A recent counterfeit pen ring was cracked this way. Traced to Italy, our agent investigated the various pen manufacturers until one of the larger ones tipped us off that a small company nearby had recently started production.

"As expected, the tip-off proved correct and the gang were successfully imprisoned."

The Carratu drag-net has amassed a formidable haul of counterfeit. Almost half his Morden office is devoted to his museum of fakes — a selection of his more interesting cases. Gucci bags, Levi jeans, aftershave and perfumes cover of walls and

shelves are stacked high with fake jacket and jumpers.

It is just this sort of success and knowledge which Eric Ellen plans to harness.

He says: "We don't want to take the place of private investigators. We want to work with them. By pooling our resources we hope to have twice the success."

Extraterrestrial

Incredibly, counterfeiting has even threatened to become extraterrestrial.

In 1976, counterfeit transistors were discovered among parts to be used in a test of the United States space shuttle. And two years later bogus parts were found that were being used in the US Army's Chaparral and Lance missile systems — an indication of just how widespread the problem really is.

Even organised crime launders its dirty millions from drugs and prostitution through counterfeiting, gangland Japan, with its hi-tech computers, has never had it so good.

What was once a cottage industry is now a huge production line monster.

Ellen says: "Success in the past has been limited due to the many problems involved. As with Vincent Carratu, private eyes have to infiltrate rackets with lengthy undercover operations."

"What we hope to do is smash rings when goods are in shipment. There has already been a major breakthrough using this method."

"A consignment from Singapore was seized in British docks. Inside, a million pirate video tapes of the hit charity record 'Do They Know It's Christmas' were found. Obviously, hard-hearted detectives didn't know it was Christmas," he said, laughing.

It is this kind of fraud which does more damage than good for the counterfeiters. It raises public emotion and draws attention to their activities — the end result is a big clamp-down by the authorities."

The new bureau is part funded by the British Chamber of Commerce — a grant of £50,000 has been given for the launch. The rest of the money will come from manufacturers, financing 200 agents for the crime-busting team.

The kind of problems they are likely to face are not new to Ellen. As a director of the International Maritime Bureau he is well aware that theft and fraud can strike in many forms.

Cargo scuttling is one of the more widespread, he says.

"The illegal transfer of crude oil is a particular favourite. We knew it was going on but in 1979 we had our biggest breakthrough."

The tanker Salem allegedly sunk with the loss of all cargo, but when the crew members were quizzed about the sinking their stories differed so greatly it was obvious that something was amiss.

## Swayze packs a pistol

### Hillbilly cop out to get even

IT'S hard to imagine a tougher assignment for a backwoods cop... scouring the mean streets of Chicago to hunt down a ruthless gang of killers.

But in a new movie, Next of Kin, that is the task Truman Gates, played by Hollywood heart-throb Patrick Swayze, sets himself.

The actor, who is usually seen whirling round dance floors with beautiful women, has hung up his dancing shoes and instead packs a pistol and a bow and arrow for his latest role. And he paid \$3 million for the trouble.

The hillbilly cop he plays is out for revenge when his brother Gerald, who works in Chicago, is murdered by Joey Rossellini, a young and determined gangster working his way up through the criminal ranks.

The police know who killed Gerald, but have no proof. So Truman's hands are tied. He has to struggle with his conflicting loyalties, to the law and to his family's wishes for revenge.

The film also Liam Neeson as Truman's elder brother, Briar. Briar isn't interested in legalities, only revenge.

Driven by ancient law that demands an eye for an eye, Briar leaves the mountains of Kentucky to find Gerald's murderer.

So the film switches from hillbilly mountain country to the gangsterland of Chicago as Truman and Briar try, in their own ways, to even the score.

Next of Kin's director is John Irvin, who directed the Vietnam war film, Hamburger Hill. He said: "Truman's roots are in the mountains, but his new life is in the city."

"Patrick combines the sophisticated urban with the country qualities that the part needs. You can believe that he is streetwise, but also that he holds on to his small-town beliefs."

Swayze is best known for his role in the surprise hit of 1987, Dirty Dancing.

He originally trained as a dancer and a gymnast, as his mother, Patsy, is a choreographer, and his father is a keen amateur sportsman.

Patrick's first major role was Danny Zukor, the lead in the Broadway production of the smash musical Grease.

His previous films include The Outsiders, Red Dawn and more recently Steel Dawn — which also starred his wife, Lisa Niemi — Tiger Warsaw and Road House.

Next of Kin co-stars Helen Hunt as Truman's wife Jessie. She has had roles in Peggy Sue Got Married, Project X and in the hit TV show, St Elsewhere.

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Excalibur. His numerous screen roles have included The Mission, Duet for One and A Prayer for the Dying.

Most recently he starred with Clint Eastwood in The Dead Pool. His TV credits include the mini-soap A Woman of Substance and its sequel, Hold the Dream.

## FBI trainees grow up

# Phoney crime capital

QUANTICO, Virginia, (AP) The crime capital of the world may be a small town nestled in a rural forest in the state of Virginia, where bank robberies, kidnappings and deadly extortion plots are running rampant. The town's mayor, however, shrugs it off with a serene smile.

After all, as the interminable struggle between good and evil rages outside his office window, Jim Pledger boasts a police force that would be the envy of any big-city mayor — dozens of smart, square-jawed young Federal Bureau of Investigation trainees.

Pledger is mayor of "Hogan's Alley," a fictitious but strikingly realistic town built on a wooded, 20-acre (8-hectare) site at the FBI Academy, about 40 miles (103 kilometres) south of Washington, DC, where students practice nabbing criminals, interrogating witness and gathering evidence.

"This is the most crime-ridden town in the world," says Pledger, the training unit chief in charge of Hogan's Alley. "But the great thing is that our law enforcement people have a 100 per cent success rate solving crimes."

At first glance, the town is picture-book America, with its own post office, drugstore, bank, barber shop, combination pool hall and Greyhound bus station, coin-operated laundry, movie theatre, motel and boarding houses.

All are phoney except for the pastime bar, where FBI employees can step inside for a cup of coffee or a sandwich while waiting for the next crime wave.

Visitors with long memories might notice something familiar about the movie theatre, the Biograph, which features Clark Gable and Myrna Loy in "Manhattan Melodrama." It was under the same marquee of the Biograph theatre in Chicago that gangster John Dillinger was shot dead in 1934.

In this town, there are no mothers pushing baby carriages or merchants hurrying to work. The streets are strangely empty until the silence is broken by

volleys from blank-firing shotguns and revolvers, the squealing tires of police cruisers and shouts of "Freeze — this is the FBI."

The make-believe bad guys and witnesses who inhabit Hogan's Alley are amateur "role players" hired by the hour through a commercial talent agency.

They include housewives from the neighbouring Marine Corps base, schoolteachers, retirees and off-duty firefighters and police officers. None has any previous acting experience.

"In this town, crime pays — at \$8 an hour," says Pledger.

A huge sign on the outskirts of town gives visitors fair warning: "Welcome to Hogan's Alley. City limits. Caution: law enforcement training exercises in progress. Display of weapons, firing of blank ammunition and arrests may occur. If challenged, please follow instructions. Have a nice day."

Last Wednesday, the day started literally with a bang at 8.20 am when the Hogan Bank was robbed. Three gunmen fled with about \$30,000 in play money, some of it in 50-dollar bills bearing Pledger's portrait.

Four teams of FBI trainees — 44 in all — sprang into action, following a minute-by-minute script written by their supervisors.

While the first team was interviewing bank employees and dusting the teller's cage for fingerprints, other trainees quickly arrested the first suspect, a shaggy-haired man in plain shirt and jeans, at his hideout in the Dogwood Inn motel.

Another gunman was grabbed, handcuffed and frisked outside his three-storey townhouse while his girlfriend loudly complained and a nosy neighbour gawked. The third suspect, who lives in the local trailer park, was caught in an FBI ambush at Will Johnson's garage, where he had left his aging green Sedan for repairs.

Case closed in just four hours.



## EVENTS

## Radha and Raja Reddy: India's finest Kuchipudi dancers

THE disciplined teamwork of Raja and Radha (husband and wife in real life) is captivating in the 'abhinaya'.

The virtile stage-presence of Raja is characterised by great skill and style. Supple footwork rounds off an immaculate projection of the 'tandava' effervescence.

Radha's comely interpolation in the 'adhinaya' sequences, mirrors the divine ecstasy of 'lasya' in the repertoire.

Their portrayal of this ancient Andhra art form, Kuchipudi, opens out into a plethora of speed, grace and stylised limb-work.

Raja and Radha's presentation attains classical proportions.

Kuchipudi was propounded as an impersonal skill of male dancers. Now, the duo-Raja and Radha have been acclaimed, both nationally and internationally, for the personalised approach to shift from this traditionalism.

Shorn of rusticity, yet with the traditional folk-art imagery imbibed in their learning from the Kuchipudi village, this Andhra art-form is filled with technical beauty and grammar of 'adavu-jathis' blending in the narrative masterpiece.

The twin-appeal of 'bangis' adds to the visual beauty of their stances.

And what is more, in their diversions to interplay characters, both exude subtle grace independently of the roles demanded of them. An intensely-moving cameo of expressions and movements, wide and varying, capture the stage in their execution.

Radha's earlier learning of Odissi dance-form has helped her much for the stylistic poses of Kuchipudi. Yet not a blend, it's like grammar that gives an easy-approach to learn the language.

When Raja taught her Kuchipudi, after their marriage (which took place at Narsapur), Radha was at once sure of mastering her own native art. She learnt with avidness, and thereafter the husband-and-wife team took Delhi by storm.

Lots of praise was received by the couple, especially from the press and public abroad.

Raja is certain that Kuchipudi artists ought to learn Carnatic music for classical moulding; at least a fair knowledge is necessary, he affirms. According to him, it's the rapport with the characters portrayed that registers an artist's perfection.

They visit Kuchipudi-village every year.

Guru Prahlad Sharma taught Raja for five years, and thereafter Raja learnt under Venupal Krishna Sharma. Maya Rao gave him guidance for thematic-exploration of ideas. Finally, he realised success with Radha, his better half in life and art.

An incomparable pair of stylists, Raja and Radha Reddy have given a new dimension to the age-old art of Kuchipudi dance.

Their performance for over a decade in both India and abroad have gained them a reputation for rare excellence and perfection technique.

If Kuchipudi ranks today as a major Indian dance form, the credit goes in no small measure to this husband-wife team for its single-minded, pioneering efforts. They have given to Kuchipudi the vigour and range of ballet, while retaining its grace and subtlety.

It is a measure of the Reddy couple's true insight into the dance form that they have not sacrificed any of its traditional poetry or dramatic sensibility while giving it a modern, full length recital form.

Imperceptibly but surely they have introduced a contemporaneous feeling, change within the self-imposed limits of a classical form, an elegance of presentation techniques that bears the stamp of their individual genius.

The counterpoint of gazelle-eyed Radha with her sinuous, 'sringara' movements is Raja with his stark, chiselled, powerful movements. Together they seem to represent 'lasya' and 'tandava' the twin pillars on which the edifice of classical Indian dance rests.

Radha's soft, lyrical charms combine with Raja's vigour and masculine movements to portray a sense of identity with classical characters from Hindu mythology, like Shiva and Parvati, Rama and Sita, Krishna and Radha, a revelation, as it were of the twin concepts of Prakriti and Purusha, the male-female principle which forms the core of Indian philosophy.

Themselves trained by eminent Kuchipudi teachers like Sri Vedantam Prahlada Sharma and Sri P.C.G. Krishna Sharma, Raja and Radha continue the tradition of the art by teaching Kuchipudi in more systematised manner to young promising pupils at the institution. Dr Raja and Dr Radha will be performing their dance programme on December 7 and 8, at Indian Arts Circle Auditorium, Kuwait.



KTV 1		KTV 2	
<b>MORNING</b>		<b>MORNING</b>	
9.30	The opening and Holy Quran	6.00	Opening announcement & Holy Quran
9.40	Sabah Al Kher news and Variety	6.10	The Little Rascals. A cartoon series for children
9.50	Around the World: cartoon serial	6.30	Wild Life
10.05	Magazine D'Actualite (repetition)	7.00	Roving Report. A weekly round-up of local, Arab and international news
10.20	Bait Min Waraq: Arabic serial, starring Jameel Awad, Iman Hayel, Rabee Shebab, Shafiq Al Tal (part I)	7.30	Charles in Charge "Poppa the Sailor-man". Grand-father orders the family members to incinerate his body after his death.
11.35	United Arab Emirates Popular Arts: variety programme	8.00	News in English
12.20	Sabah Al Kher, news	8.30	The Scientific Progress. A weekly local programme on various topics and scientific matters and achievements.
12.30	News Summary	9.00	Sonny Spoon "Diamonds aren't Forever". A beautiful girl hires Sonny to find the criminal who killed her parents ten years ago, without giving him any clue to start with.
12.35	Holy Quran and closedown	10.00	Better Days "29 Minutes". The school deputy master criticises "Ms Weather's" way of teaching.
<b>EVENING</b>		10.30	Jake and the Fatman "Side by Side". A son of a famous journalist is taken as a hostage along with the old police officer. Jake has to save both the kid and his boss.
4.00	The opening and Holy Quran	11.30	News in brief
4.15	The World Today via Satellite (repetition)	11.45	Magazine D'Actualite
4.45	Cartoon serial (part 3)		
5.15	Mama Anisa and the Children: local children's programme		
6.00	Night chemists, airlines and official advertisements		
6.15	Al Islam Hadhra: religious serial (part 19)		
7.15	Holy Quran and Science: religious programme, prepared and presented by Dr Ahmad Shawqi Ibrahim		
8.00	Omseyat Al Ithneen: local programme, prepared and presented by Mohammed Al Barjes		
8.30	Good Evening and Local News		
9.00	News in Arabic		
9.45	Saber. Arabic serial (part 3)		
10.30	Masra Al Mutanabi: historical serial (part 8), starring Abdullah		

## WHAT'S ON

## ARTS

## Islamic Art

A SIX week — 12 lecture course on Islamic Art will be given in English at the Dar Al Athar Al Islamiyyah on Sunday and Tuesday mornings from 10.00 - 12.00 noon. October 29 through December 5, 1989.

An eight week — eight lecture course on Islamic Art will be given in Arabic at the Dar Al Athar Al Islamiyyah on Monday afternoons from 4.00 - 6.00 pm from October 30 through December 19, 1989.

To register for either of these courses please sign up at the Dar Al Athar during museum hours 8.30 am - 12.30 pm.

## Watercolour Painting

LEARN watercolour painting with Patricia Mills. New 8 week course in Drawing & Painting for adults. For details tel: 5618847.

## Seminar

THERE will be a seminar at the DAA on "Arabic & European Art in the Light of Zodiocal Symbolism" December 10, 1989 - January 10, 1990. Sunday and Tuesday 11.00 - 12.30 am. Anyone wishing to register for this seminar may do so at the DAA during museum hours.

## Islamic painting in India

ROBERT Skelton, a former keeper of the India Department at the Victoria and Albert Museum, London will give a public lecture on Islamic Painting in India.

The lecture will be held on Wednesday, 29th November, 1989 at 6.00 pm at the Kuwait National Museum Lecture Theatre. The lecture, which is in English, is open to all.

## SOCIAL

## Kuwait Players

Kuwait Players are holding a fun play reading on Tuesday Nov 28. Come along at 8.00 pm and try your hand at reading a script. No experience necessary. Tel: 5615357.

## PPC's democracy week

The Pakistan People's Club will celebrate the first anniversary of the restoration of democracy by Benazir Bhutto's Prime Minister elected government on Dec 2, 1988. Announcing this Riaz Ahmed Mahesar said that meetings and outdoor musical programme will be arranged for men and women wings of the club.

All members are requested to contact Mr Rafiq Ahmed Mirza. For children sports events are arranged by PPC sports committee.

## People's Trust Club

DEC 29: People's Trust Club welcomes you to a day of your life at Ramada Al Salam (Marriott) Hotel, New Ballroom from 10.30 am onwards. Nimble feet, hungry palate, perfect blend of music and style. A get-together with buffet. Featuring Stepping Stones, Top Ranks, Perfect Strangers. There will be novelties and surprises galore. Contact Columbus on 4348218.

## Ahmadi Music Society

The Ahmadi Music Society proudly presents its 21st Carol Concert at 8 pm on Monday and Tuesday Dec 11 and 12, 1989. A special children's carol concert will be held at 5.30 pm on Saturday Dec 9, 1989. Venue Kuwait Little Theatre, Ahmadi. For ticket reservations ring 3983964.

## Bharthya Kala Sangam

A family get-together for members of Bharthya Kala Sangam will be held at the Indian Embassy premises on Thursday, Dec 7, 1989 at 7.30 pm. There will be an entertainment programme including 'fancy dress competition' for children, lucky draw, and sumptuous buffet for members. Lots of prizes and surprises await for one and all. For details please contact tele: 5628171, 2551305.

## Musical show

DEC 1: Musical Entertainment show at Doha Entertainment City in 'Starlight Theatre' with live rock 'n' roll, pop and Reggae music from the most popular and dynamic beat groups of Kuwait.

Top Ranks' and Next of Kins.

The highlights: fancy dress competition, live stage performance of live, break dance and solo dancing by Joe Misquita Tony and their dancing group including many surprises.

For complete details Twinkle on 4879455 ext 298 (4pm to 9 pm); Hilary, 2649442; John Philip, 2546890 (after 8 pm); Tom and Luiza, 2661370.

For tickets contact: Andrew at Dreamland Tailor's 1st floor, above Raja Stores, opp. Canara Exchange.

N.B.: Transportation is available.

## Yuletide Fayre

Do not miss the Yuletide Fayre being organised by St Paul's Church, Ahmadi from 2 pm to 5 pm on the afternoon of Friday, Dec 1 at the British embassy compound. There will be stalls for Christmas gifts, handicrafts and books as well as for cakes and preserves. There will be entertainment, including Santa Claus, for the children.

Draw for the British Airways ticket to UK or India will also take place. Refreshments will be available.

## Sharad Mela

AFTER successfully organising Deep-Dewali Satkaar is now going to organise Sharad Mela at Indian Arts Circle, Funaitees on 1st December 1989, at 10.00 am. There will be food stalls of delicious cuisines along with fun and games stalls for children. The big attraction will be two Grand Rattle Draws with a Game of Bingo. For entry passes and further information contact: Brij Vallabh - 2510146, or V.K. Agarwal - 5728621.

## Kuwait Cultural Centre

THE Kuwait Cultural Centre is opening a French Language course to be held on Saturdays and Mondays. For further detail please contact 5624393.

## Arallay Restaurant Singing Contest

TO all of you who love singing!

DEC 1: Grand Final of the Autumn Sing-Along Contest at 6.30 pm.

DEC 3: Every Friday and Sunday 6.30 and 7.30 respectively, there will be the Christmas Carols Sing-Along Contest. Its grand final will be on Friday December 22, with surprise gifts. Rush register your name and song title on 2402540 or 2428284.

## IAC Children's Competition

THE dates of finals of the Children's Competition will take place at IAC Funaitees on 13th, 14th, 15th, 27th and 28th

December '89 and 18th January '90 respectively. For more details contact Indian Schools. British Council.

STORY time: Thursday, 30 Nov. 10.30 am. Come and enjoy the magic of books with a professional story teller. Children of all nationalities of ages 3 - 7 are invited. Please book seats by calling 2515512; 2533204; 2533227.

## Radha and Raja

INDIA's finest Kuchipudi Dancers Dr Radha and Dr Raja Reddy are going to present their dance performance on 7th and 8th of December at Indian Arts Circle Auditorium. For details please contact 3904817.

## Xmas tree '89

CHRISTMAS is for children, and what better way than to celebrate it with the New Goans Overseas Association at the Ramada Al Salam Hotel (the new Al-Mirage Ballroom) on the 15th of December 1989. Highlights include 'carol singing competition' (4 local schools participating) games for children, novelty dance and music by the Stepping Stones. Santa Claus will be distributing gifts to all the kids. For reservations contact Anthony on tel: 5621968 (after 6.00 pm) or Julio.

## Korkani Drama

THE New Goans Overseas Association are pleased to announce Menino De Bandar's "Soussarant Astana Diat" a Konkani play which will be held in the Indian Arts Circle (Funaitees) on the 16th of February 1990. The cast all from Goa includes M. Boyer, C. D'Silva, Betty Naz, Junior Rod, Rosario Dias. Plans open in early January.

## Xmas celebrations

DEC 15: United Goan's Centre will have their annual Xmas celebrations at the Al Salam Hotel on Friday December 15th '89 from 10 am onwards (Al Deira). Special package of fun, games awaits the young as well as the old. A variety of entertainment for the children. Call on us for early booking and avoid disappointment. Contact Tony: 2612024/ Moses: 224293.

## NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait  
Al Darban Pharmacy  
Arabian Gulf Street  
Al Shargiya Pharmacy  
Al Hilali Street  
Hawalli and Nagra  
Nourah Pharmacy  
Al Othman Street, Nagra  
Sahmy and Rasmithiya  
Razan Pharmacy  
Al Razi Street  
Fahadheel and Ahmadi  
Al Wafa Pharmacy  
Al Dabbous Street, Fahadheel  
Farwaniya  
Al Hawailah Pharmacy  
Clinic Street, Farwaniya  
Jahra  
Al Abraj Pharmacy  
Dubul Al Kuzai Street

## CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus  
Arabic film  
Salahiyah  
Space Mutiny  
Al Hamsa  
Arabic film  
Drive-In  
Arabic film  
Granada  
Salamander

Salahiyah  
Chatanjo Choo Choo  
Jleeb  
Ayan Aqadlat  
Ahmadi Drive-In  
Nowhere to hide  
Fahadheel Open  
Kinara  
Al Firdous  
Cocktail

Fahadheel Open  
Caddy Shack 2  
Al Jahra  
French Quarter

## PRAYERS

Fajr	4.58 am
Zuhr	11.36
Asr	2.30 pm
Maghreb	4.50
Isha	6.11



## Oh, to be in Goa

COME on and have fun that's exactly what Alexz, the cartoonist would like to do at his forthcoming cartoon exhibition titled 'Oh to be in Goa' at Indian Embassy Auditorium, you can have fun and laughs on Friday the 1st December, 1989, between 10 am and 4 pm.

The 50 odd exhibits are painted cartoons, are in colour and are framed. The main thrust is on what's been happening in Goa in recent months, be it tourism, transport, our markets, drains or ever present politicians and feni.

Through the cartoon, Alexz makes a comment on different situations in Goa provoking thought through hilarity and humour. Probably because that's all that Goan tolerance of the present state of things will allow Goans indulge in a laugh. At the good and the bad.

To Alexz, an ex-Xaverite from Bombay, who so far authored two books of cartoons 'sportoons and Howzat'. This exhibition will help to gauge the public's reaction to his work from close quarters.

The 1st December exhibition-show is sponsored by Kuwait Goans Association is free and is open for all fun loving people. A busy body, Alexz has participated in the International Cartoon Festival held in Sierre, Switzerland in 1987 and 1988. Ex-Herald and present Navhind Times cartoonist will make you laugh your guts out.



## Toyota golf tourney

GOVIND Swaminathan scored a magnificent 43 points to win Div. B and take first prize for overall best score in the Toyota Stableford golf tourney played at the Hunting and Equestrian Club on Friday.

Eddie Firmani, playing in his first competition of the season scored victory in Div. A with 40 points and top prize in Div. C went to KH Lee on 39 points.

The tourney was sponsored by Toyota via their Kuwaiti agents Mohamed Naser Al Sayer and Sons Est. and attracted an entry of 75 golfers which was the highest this season.

Conditions were perfect for golf and this showed in the scoring with 28 players returning cards equal to or better than par for the course.

In Div. A, Firmani finished one point clear of four players who tied second and third places with 39 points. The prizes went to G. Gaston and JH Kim who edged out S. Al Hagrie and A. Siddique on countback with better scores on the back nine.

Swaminathan was two points ahead of the field in Div. B and second prize was won by K.W. Watt with 41 points

followed by T. McGuire in third place on 40 points. K.H. Lee won Div. C one point clear of H.R. Jang who took second prize with 38 points. B. Daniell was placed third after a countback with Y. Bekir and T. Briggs all scoring 37 points.

There was a special prize of a new Toyota car for a hole-in-one on the 110 yards hole 13. The car was not won but the consolation prize for nearest the pin went to J.H. Kim with a tee shot which finished four feet from the flag.

Gill Raper scored longest drive for the ladies and Adnan Asaf was unbeatable in longest drive for the men.

Over 100 players and guests attended the barbecue and the prizes were presented on behalf of Toyota by Massoud W. Massoud, sales manager of M/s. Mohamed Naser Al Sayer & Sons Est.

Other top scorers:  
38 M. Taqul, P. van Thiel, G. Wright, S.S. Meng, E. Cunningham, D.K. Grey, H.W. Baek  
37 S. Gidwani, D. Hersk, T.S. Oberoi  
36 A. Jasbanmal, H.S. Lee, D. Brero, D. Kapadia, E. Maney (pro).



# ARAB TIMES Classifieds

## ACCOMMODATION Available

**KUWAIT** city, opp. Behebehani car showroom, Hail Muthairi Building. Large room in a multi-hq with water and electricity for a RC family only. Rent KD80. Contact John personally 5-8 pm.

**HAWALLI**, behind the Commercial Bank. Room for bachelors to share with a Mangalorean family. Bus routes 14, 18, 37, 102, 502, 506. Tele. Lewis 2669248. 5-8.30 pm.

**SALMIYA** Amman Street, near the Education Centre. Accommodation for a working couple, lady, or bachelor to share with an Indian family. Tele. Antony, 5744462. 4-8 pm.

**Wanted**  
**KUWAIT** City, sharing accommodation with food required for one/two bachelors with RC Mangalorean family. Tele. Sabi, 2439000 ext. 3960, 7-30 am - 1.30 pm.

## For Rent

**DASMA**, Area 1, Road 18, House 3. For a good family one room 5x6, with one balcony 6x5, separate kitchen and bath available. Tele. 2527255.

**VILLA**, ideal for an executive, 4 bedrooms, double reception, on garden view. For details tele. Abu Jasim, 4744266.

## FOR SALE

### Cars

**RANGE Rover**, '82 model, 80,000 kms, from German engineer, completely reconditioned, reg. new, beige with black vinyl roof. A-one condition. KD 1,500 cash. Tele. 5636753, 2-6 pm.

**BUICK** Le Sabre 1979, in excellent condition, engine and bodywork outstanding for its age, well maintained. KD550 (fixed). Serious inquiries only. Tele. 5752870, ext. 72. Mr. Esberger, 9 am - 5 pm.

**NISSAN** Stanza, 1984, grey, 4-door, automatic, hatchback, AC, 75,000 kms, insured up to August 1990. KD 750. Tele. 5653952.

**NISSAN** Stanza, 1983, skyblue, automatic, sunroof, registered upto August 1990, in excellent condition. KD650. Tele. Juzar 2418349 from 8.30 am - 1 pm and 4.30 - 8 pm.

**NISSAN** Bluebird, 1984, red, 4-door, automatic, AC, 65,000 kms, insured up to 11th Nov 1990. KD950. Tele. 2451489.

**CHEVROLET** Spectrum, 1986, AC, automatic, white, low mileage, in excellent condition. KD1,100, cash. Tele. 5615494.

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## SPORTS

## French clubs freeze on first bitterly cold evening

PARIS, Nov 26, (Reuters): French soccer fans apparently froze on the first bitterly cold evening of the season yesterday.

Only in Montpellier, where the temperatures were more moderate, was there anything like a goal festival. The troubled home side twice threw away a two-goal lead to finish 3-3 with another relegation candidate, Mulhouse.

In the eight other games, only eight goals were scored. Last season's champions Marseille succumbed to the icy temperatures along with the rest, failing to score in a goalless away draw with Nantes.

Leaders Bordeaux, 3-1 winner over Racing Paris on Friday, are now three points ahead of their only serious rival.

International striker Eric Cantona put Montpellier 3-1 in front 15 minutes from time after a superb one-two with Colombian midfielder Carlos Valderrama, playing his first game for the club this season. But two goals in the last three minutes gave Mulhouse a point which saved them from bottom place.

Marseille sent out new 17-million-franc (\$3 million) signing Didier Deschamps against his former club, but in Nantes who came closest to victory.

They hit the bar in the first half and had a goal from Terno Youm disallowed in the second.

Sochaux moved up to third place with a 1-0 win over Monaco even though their forwards failed to get on target. Their goal came when Monaco midfielder Fabrice Poulain placed a clearance into his own net 11 minutes from the end.

Belgian midfielder Enzo Scifo saved Auxerre from defeat at Nice with a last-minute goal for a 1-1 draw. The match ended in uproar with the referee failed by a bottle thrown from the crowd after the final whistle had blown.

Results		
Nantes	0	Marseille 0
St Etienne	0	Cann 0
Lille	1	Brest 2
Toulouse	0	Lyon 2
Sochaux	1	Monaco 0
Metz	0	PSG 1
Toulon	0	Cannes 1
Nice	1	Auxerre 1
Montpellier	3	Mulhouse 3
Played on Friday		
Racing Paris	1	Bordeaux 3

## Harvey unhappy with Everton's fortunes

# Cowans: Villa's link with the past

LONDON, Nov 26, (Reuters): Aston Villa's emergence among the leading contenders for English soccer's greatest prize owes much to the man who steered them to European glory 7-1/2 years ago.

In 1982, Gordon Cowans was the young midfielder talent who helped Villa scale the heights of the international club game by beating West Germany's Bayern Munich 1-0 to lift the European Cup.

That victory in Rotterdam remains Villa's finest achievement in a long and distinguished history. And it is no coincidence that the Birmingham club's recent revival which has swept them close to the summit of the First Division is associated with a revival in Cowans' form.

The 31-year-old former England midfielder was the inspiration behind Villa's 2-0 win at Wimbledon yesterday, which carried them into second place in the table, level on points with leaders Arsenal and Chelsea.

His vision and judgement were superb, sweeping 40-yard cross-field pass freeing winger



Tottenham's Paul Allen (in the air) rides a tackle from Derby's Mel Sage during their match on Saturday. (Reuters wirephoto).

Tony Daley to set up striker David Platt's opening goal in the 23rd minute and offering further justification to manager Graham

### Standings

English and Scottish League soccer tables after yesterday's matches (tabulate under — played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, goals against, points):		
English Division One		
Arsenal	14	8 3 3 26 15 27
Aston Villa	15	8 3 4 25 15 27
Chelsea	15	7 3 2 22 17 27
Liverpool	13	7 3 3 27 13 24
Southampton	15	6 5 4 31 25 23
Coventry	15	7 2 6 13 19 23
Nottingham	15	6 5 4 31 25 23
Derby	15	6 5 4 31 25 23
Manchester U	14	6 5 3 23 20 21
Tottenham	15	6 5 3 23 20 21
Everton	15	6 5 3 23 20 21
Luton	15	4 5 6 17 20 17
Wimbledon	15	3 7 5 12 17 16
Millwall	15	4 4 7 21 27 16
Crystal P	15	4 4 7 18 12 16
Charlton	15	3 6 6 12 16 15
Q.P.R.	15	3 6 6 14 19 15
Manchester C	15	4 3 8 18 28 15
Sheffield Wed	15	3 4 8 24 23
English Division Two		
Sheffield U	19	11 6 2 32 30 39
Leeds	19	11 5 3 33 21 38
Newcastle	19	10 6 3 36 20 36
Sunderland	19	10 5 4 33 25 35
Blackburn	19	7 10 2 35 35
Oldham	19	7 4 2 25 31
West Ham	19	8 6 5 31 23 30
Ipswich	19	8 6 5 30 26 30
Swindon	19	8 4 5 30 28 28
Plymouth	19	8 3 8 29 27
English Division Three		
Rotherham	17	9 7 1 24 11 34
Rotherham	17	9 5 3 38 17 32
Tranmere	17	10 2 5 37 16 32
Rotherham C	17	9 4 4 22 16 31
Bury	17	8 6 3 28 20 30
North County	17	8 6 3 24 17 30
Halifax	17	7 7 2 22 15 28
Birmingham	17	7 6 4 27 22 25
Shrewsbury	17	7 6 4 27 22 25
Hull City	17	7 6 4 27 22 25
Swansea	17	7 5 5 22 21 27
Falmer	17	6 7 5 22 21 27
Leyton	17	6 3 8 23 27 21
Reading	17	4 8 5 19 23 20
Blackpool	17	5 4 8 18 22 19
Crewe	17	4 6 7 21 18 34
Carlisle	17	4 6 7 23 29 18
Preston	17	3 9 5 27 34 18
Manfield	17	3 9 5 27 34 18
Chester	17	4 6 7 20 30 18
English Division Four		
Southend	17	10 4 3 27 14 34
Stockport	17	9 5 3 28 15 32
Exeter	17	10 2 5 31 21 32
Carlisle	17	9 3 5 25 17 32
York	17	8 6 3 25 16 30
Peterborough	17	7 8 2 23 15 29
Gillingham	17	8 5 4 23 17 29
Lincoln	17	8 5 4 23 17 29
Cambridge	17	6 6 5 16 16 28
Southampton	17	8 2 7 32 26 26
Cambridge	17	7 5 5 29 25 26
Aldershot	17	6 6 5 27 23 24
Barnley	17	6 6 5 27 23 24
Grimsby	17	6 6 5 27 23 24
Harrogate	17	7 2 8 22 23 23
Leeds	17	5 6 6 22 24 23
Doncaster	17	6 2 9 16 21 21
Halifax	17	4 8 5 17 30 16
Doncaster	17	4 3 10 19 22 15
Wrexham	17	3 5 9 18 25 14
Scarborough	17	4 7 11 20 31 14
Colchester	17	2 9 9 17 33 10
Hartlepool	17	2 3 12 16 46 9
Scottish Premier Division		
Aberdeen	15	9 3 3 22 9 21
Rangers	15	8 3 4 19 10 19
Hearts	15	7 3 5 30 20 17
Celtic	15	5 6 4 18 15 16
Dundee U.	15	5 4 6 19 18 16
Scottish Division One		
St. Johnstone	17	11 5 1 37 19 27
Partick	17	9 7 1 33 17 23
Aberdeen	17	11 3 3 34 24 25
Hamilton	17	6 7 4 22 24 19
Clyde	17	5 7 5 20 20 17
Raith	17	7 3 7 22 26 17
Falkirk	17	5 6 6 26 24 16
Cybernet	17	6 7 3 31 30 16
Alloa	17	4 7 6 28 29 15
Ayr	17	4 7 6 28 29 15
Morton	17	2 10 5 15 29 13
Greenock	17	3 7 7 17 17 13
Albion	17	2 6 9 16 33 10
Forfar	17	1 7 9 19 33 9
Scottish Division Two		
Brechin	16	9 3 4 23 16 21
Stenhousemuir	16	9 1 6 25 21 19
Stranraer	16	7 5 4 27 25 19
Arbroath	16	6 6 5 24 24 19
Dumfries	16	6 5 5 31 33 19
Stirling	16	8 2 6 32 21 18
Kilmarnock	16	8 2 6 32 21 18
Q.Park	16	6 4 6 21 25 16
East Fife	16	5 5 6 22 15 15
East of Fife	16	5 5 6 22 15 15
Berwick	16	5 3 8 24 26 13
Cowdenbeath	16	2 7 7 18 23 11
Montrose	16	4 3 9 18 23 11
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Sanchez (left) kicks the ball through the legs of Zaragoza's Jesus Gierla. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Sanchez helps Real slam in seven goals

MADRID, Nov 26, (Reuters): League leaders Real Madrid trounced Real Zaragoza 7-2 yesterday when Mexican striker Hugo Sanchez scored twice to extend his tally as the Spanish Soccer League's sharpest marksman.

Real raced into a 5-1 halftime lead but eased off after the interval with victory assured. World Cup striker Sanchez struck his first in the last minute of the first half and added the second after the break with a shot off the post which took his haul for the season to 14.

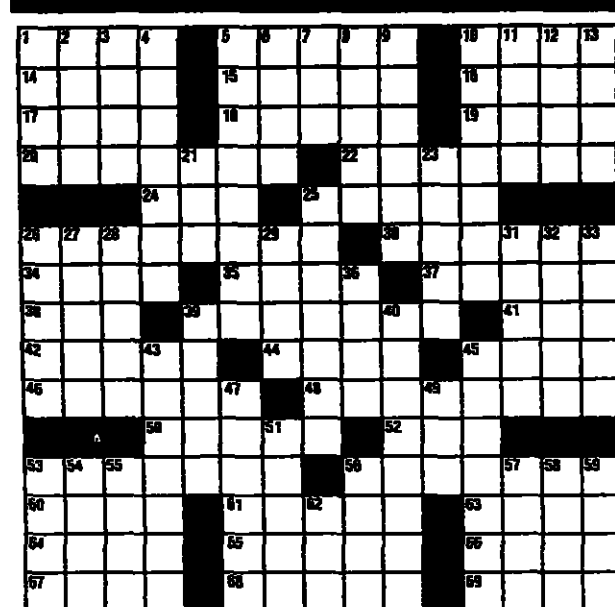
Michel Gonzalez opened the Madrid side's account with a header and Manolo Sanchis and Emilio Butragueno made it 3-0 before Francisco Higuera pulled one back for Zaragoza.

Madrid midfielder Martin Vazquez, unquestionable Man of the Match, added the fourth between the legs of goalkeeper Chilavert and Sanchez made it 5-1 with a free-kick which beat the defensive wall.

Zaragoza hit back with four corners in quick succession at the start of the second half and Higuera headed home his second goal off the fourth.

Sanchez missed two chances before claiming his second goal of the match and Vazquez hammered in the first over the heads of five defenders minutes before the final whistle.

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  - 19 Uncas's beloved
  - 20 A small bit
  - 22 Jeweler's chisel
  - 24 Always, in poetry
  - 25 Has an overabundance
  - 26 Fade gradually
  - 30 Margin for error
  - 34 Pub missile
  - 35 Stately trees
  - 37 Ancient Roman official
  - 38 Brooklyn follower
  - 39 Musical arranger
  - 41 Underworld god
  - 42 Former Thai coin
  - 44 Nighttime sign
  - 45 Dancer Kelly
  - 46 Frighthens
  - 48 Boat's rope "ladders"
  - 50 Gauche
  - 52 Actor Holbrook
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  - 10 Adjusted a camera
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  - 12 Extremely bad
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  - 43 Shopping areas
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East-West vulnerable. North as I did in my last tournament, to be vying for the title—and the top prize.

This hand cropped up in the team event which we won. As so often happens, it was West's unusual no trump and East's reaction that blueprinted the hand for me. Since East did not take a minor-suit preference over the double, as he would have with unequal length, he was probably 2-2 in diamonds and clubs, leaving West with six diamonds and five clubs. To complete my count of the West hand, I ducked the first diamond, won the second and, after finessing the jack of spades, cashed the king of hearts, dropping the jack.

I took care to cash the king and ace of clubs before leading a diamond from dummy. East could do no better than discard a spade, so I ruffed, cashed the ace of spades and exited with the ten. East took the king and returned a spade, and I discarded my club loser as the table's queen won. I now led the board's club and East, poor soul, was lost. East ruffed with the eight, but I underdressed to let him hold the trick. That forced a lead away from the queen of trumps into my combined K-10 tenace.

As ever, Omar

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The bidding:

North East South West  
Pass Pass 1♥ 2 NT  
Dbl Pass Pass 3♦  
3♥ Pass 4♥ Pass  
Pass Pass

Opening lead: King of ♦

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SPORTS

## Hornets sting Timberwolves

# Bulls toss aside Warriors

OAKLAND, California, Nov. 26 (AP) — Michael Jordan came back from a slow start to finish with 29 points, 14 rebounds and nine assists, lifting the Chicago Bulls to a 104-91 victory over the Golden State Warriors yesterday.

Knicks 125, Bucks 108  
Genald Wilkins scored 17 of his 23 points in a second-quarter blowout, leading New York past Milwaukee.

The victory gave the Knicks their first win over a Central Division team in four games this season and a 5-0 record at home.

Rockets 85, Cavaliers 75  
Akeem Olajuwon exploited Cleveland's weakened front line and scored 21 points as Houston Rockets beat the injury-depleted Cavaliers.

The Cavaliers, who have been without centre Brad Daugherty and forward Larry Nance since the season began, lost centre Tree Rollins to a sprained knee at Detroit on Friday, forcing Paul Mokes into the starting lineup.

Bullets 107, Heat 88  
Bernard King scored 24 of his 26 points in the first and third periods, leading Washington Bullets to a rout of Miami.

The Bullets, who have won four straight at home, led 30-20



Cavaliers' Mark Price falls over Rockets' Buck Johnson while chasing a loose ball. (Reuter wirephoto)

after one period behind King's 12 points, and Miami never got closer than eight of the rest of the way.

and 18 rebounds and the Charlotte Hornets held the Minnesota Timberwolves to the lowest point total in the NBA this season in an 81-73 victory last night.

Hawks 108, Celtics 100  
Moses Malone scored 21 of his 31 points in the second half and also grabbed 16 rebounds, leading Atlanta Hawks over Boston.

Malone had 10 points in the third quarter and 11 in the fourth after missing their first seven shots, but went ahead 40-39 on a layup by Kevin Willis with 1:44 left in the second quarter.

76ers 111, Pacers 103  
Charles Barkley scored 12 of his 24 points in the opening quarter, giving Philadelphia a lead it never lost against Indiana, which lost for the first time at home in five starts this season.

Sonics 117, Mavericks 70  
The Seattle Supersonics exploited a soft defense to hand the Dallas Mavericks their worst home loss ever, behind Xavier McDaniel's 22 points.

Leading 104-68, the Sonics scored 19 of the game's last 15 points as Dallas fans finally stopped booing the Mavericks and started cheering Seattle.

Lakers 92, Jazz 86  
Magic Johnson scored 25

points and James Worthy added 24 as the Los Angeles Lakers won their eighth consecutive game.

Worthy scored six of the Lakers' points in a 10-1 run in the first four minutes of the third period as Los Angeles extended a 43-38 halftime lead to 53-39.

Kings 112, Nets 98  
Wayman Tisdale scored 24 points, and Sacramento opened a 24-point lead in the first half and handed New Jersey its seventh straight defeat.

Kenny Smith had 22 points and Danny Ainge 17 for the Kings, while Sam Bowie led the Nets with 23.

Sacramento, which never trailed, took its biggest lead at 59-35 with 18 seconds to go in the first half.

Bowie scored 10 of the Nets' 14 points at the start of the second half to reduce the deficit to 68-51 at 6:53 in the third period.

### Results

New York	125	Milwaukee	108
Chicago	104	Golden State	91
Atlanta	108	Boston	100
Charlotte	81	Minnesota	73
Houston	85	Cleveland	75
Philadelphia	111	Indiana	103
Washington	107	Miami	88
Seattle	117	Dallas	70
L.A. Lakers	92	Utah	86
Sacramento	112	New Jersey	98



Shahid Butt (left) on her way to victory and later celebrating her triumph. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Shahid helps Kifco edge into final

FAST-MEDIUM bowler Shahid Butt helped unbeaten Kifco reach the final of Malhotra Trophy, by claiming four early wickets in the second semifinal, against Union Cricket Club. This was the second consecutive final Kifco have qualified.

Union Cricketers, known as giant killers, had reached the semifinal by beating Everstone and also Starlite. They also won the toss and elected to bat first.

Kifco did not allow Union openers to bat freely and they could only score 30 runs off 6 overs.

The seventh over proved to be disastrous for Union, when Shahid Butt who was bowling with great effect, struck three to shatter the batting lineup of Union and in his next over he claimed another wicket when he bowled Jameel. The bowing change at other end also saw another wicket tumbling when one of Rashid Ansari's rising balls landed in the hands of wicketkeeper Nasir after brushing Shehzad's gloves, leaving Union struggling at 44 for 5.

The rest of the Union batsmen played to bring some respectability to their score without taking any chances against an accurate Kifco attack. At the end of their allotted 28 overs Union could muster 129 for the loss of seven wickets.

Shahid Butt with a 4 for 27 was the main wicket-taker with Mansoor Khan, Aqueel, Rashid and Rafiq Butt claiming one wicket each.

Kifco started their innings in style as they scored 30 runs in first 3 overs. However the assault was put on halt after the fall of Arshad Shams and Pervaz Aslam.

Nasir with Shahid Pervaz kept the innings going, before his impatience cost him his wicket, bow to Jameel, leaving Kifco 48 for 3. Answered Shahid Pervaz took the total to 83 without further loss but medium pacer Nasir struck to first bowl Ameen and then Shahid, restricting Kifco to 94 for 6. Kifco were hit by another blow when Nasir uprooted the stumps of Aqueel and the meagre score of 129 started looking much distant.

Skipper Mansoor Khan, promoting himself, joined Rashid and both understanding the situation kept their heads down. They relied on singles and twos, and took the score to 125. But the story was not over as Kifco lost Rashid and had yet to score 5 more runs with 3 wickets in hand. However the pair easily managed to score the required runs without losing further wickets.

Nasir had 3 for 29 and Jameel 2 for 33 shared the bowling honours for Union. Kifco will face Unity in the final on January 5, 1990.

## Challengers beat Lovers

CHALLENGERS Sporting Club defeated Sports Lovers 3-2 in a Sana Football Tournament, organised for Malaysians only by United Sporting Club, in Fahaheel on Friday.

Sports Lovers took the lead through Jayan in the 19th minute and Kumar got the second for them in the 37th minute. But Challengers fought back and got two goals through Ahmed to level the scores and then got the winner from Abdullah.

In the second match, Kheitan Soccer Lovers were held to a goalless draw by City Sports Club.

On the coming Friday, United Sporting Club (Yellows) meet Kheitan Sporting Club at 7.15 am while Puthanthope Samajam face Kheitan Soccer Lovers (B) at 8.30 am.

## America lacks young trainers

NEW YORK, Nov. 26, (AP) — What Joe Frazier retired from boxing in 1978, trainer Eddie Futch went home and thought about relaxing for the first time in his career.

"I turned all my fighters over to Joe and George Benson," Futch recalls. Futch was 67 years old, and he didn't plan to quit, just slow down. But he went to Las Vegas to see a fight, and "a promoter made me an offer. I couldn't refuse," Futch took one fighter Rocky Mosely, "and in a year, I had 10."

Boxing is alive and well in America. It has Mike Tyson, one of the greatest heavyweight champions of all time. It has Sugar Ray Leonard vs Roberto Duran, III. It has undefeated champion Julio Cesar Chavez, and it has the electric-haired promoter, Don King.

What it doesn't have is young trainers to take the place of men like Ray Arnel, Gil Clancy and Futch.

Arnel, 90, earned the nickname "Meat Wagon" after bringing one boxer after another into the ring against Joe Louis. He's still training. Clancy, who has been doing TV commentary, recently came out of retirement to handle Gerry Cooney's comeback. And Futch, 78, can't seem to get any rest.

He's currently training world champions Mike Callum, a middleweight, and Virgil Hill, a light heavyweight, and he's handling the heavyweight challenge of Canadian Olympic silver medalist Riddick Bowe.

He has trained 16 world champions, including heavyweights Frazier, Larry Holmes and Michael Spinks.

Television is the culprit that keeps Futch so busy.

"TV came along and destroyed the little clubs," Futch said. "When I was a young man growing up in Detroit, there were 125 boxing clubs within a 170-mile (275-kilometre) radius of my home."

"That's where you learned to fight and where the trainers got their experience," Futch said. "You were always working a fight somewhere. You were able to make a living."

Now, most of the small clubs are gone, unable to compete with television for the fight fan's dollar.

"So, you have fewer fights, fewer fighters and fewer trainers. The trainers in the business have to go out and get jobs because they can't make a living. That means less time they can spend learning their trade."

So, young fighters with a future keep coming to guys like Futch.

Another young talent that has Futch excited is Bowe. The 6-foot-5 (1.96-metre) Bowe is 6-0 since he began his pro career after the Seoul Olympics, and Futch is hoping he's the kind of boxer who will give Tyson a tough time.

"The guy who troubles Tyson will be a small, big fighter who can box," Futch said. "He'll have to have fair power, but boxing is the important thing because against Tyson, you can't get hit. If he can hit you, he'll get you out of there."

## Strange ends 22-hole Skins drought

LA QUINTA, Calif., Nov. 26, (Reuter) — Curtis Strange sank a six-foot putt worth \$60,000 in golf's Skins Game yesterday to snap a 22-hole drought in the \$450,000 event.

"It wasn't anything fantastic, but I tell you it sure was good to get that first one. I was so nervous," Strange said about his birdie putt on the fifth hole at the Stadium course at PGA West.

"It was embarrassing," Strange said of his play in last year's event, when he was shut out by the other participants, Jack Nicklaus, Lee Trevino and Raymond Floyd.

The same foursome returned this year and Nicklaus took the first skin, worth \$15,000, with a three-foot birdie on the first hole.

A player wins money only if he is an outright winner on a hole. If there is a tie, money for that hole is carried over.

The next three holes, each worth \$15,000, were halved. That brought the value of the fifth hole, a 533-yard, par 5, up to \$60,000.

Nicklaus drove into the water. Floyd put his second shot in the water. Trevino was on

the green in three but was 12 feet from the pin. Strange hit his pitching wedge approach shot to about six feet. "I shook it in," he said.

Nicklaus took his second Skin, worth \$40,000 on the 350-yard, par 4 seventh hole when his wedge shot landed within seven feet of the hole and he sank the putt for birdie.

Floyd pocketed \$25,000 with a birdie at the eighth hole and the ninth hole was a carryover making today's first hole worth \$50,000. The stakes were to steepen today with \$310,000 in prize money up for grabs.

Strange's \$60,000 Skin made him the day's leading money winner. Nicklaus won two skins worth \$55,000.

Trevino, shut out for the day, said: "I always win my Skins on the back nine anyway. I might not have won any money, but I am encouraged. I didn't lose any golf balls, like I usually do on the front side."

In Tokyo, veteran Japanese Isao Aoki won the Casio World Golf Tournament today with a 14-under-par total of 274, shrugging

off a strong final round challenge from American defending champion Larry Mize.

Overnight leader Hubert Green faltered with a disappointing 75 to share joint sixth place on 279.

Aoki, 47, had five birdies in a final round of 69 to finish one stroke ahead of Mize who had a round of 70. Australian Graham Marsh shot a 70 to claim third place, two shots behind Aoki.

American Mark Calcavecchia managed a 69 with an eagle and four birdies for a four-round total of 277 and fourth place.

Aoki and Mize drew level when the Japanese birdied the 12th hole and Aoki then jumped into the lead by rolling in a five-yard putt for a birdie on the 16th.

Mize, who won last week's Phoenix Open, missed with a five footer for a birdie on the 18th, conceding the first prize of 18 million yen (\$126,000) to Aoki.

It was the first victory by a Japanese player in the nine-year history of the tournament.

## Horlicks takes Japan Cup

TOKYO, Nov. 26, (Reuter) — New Zealand mare Horlicks ran a textbook race today to become the first Southern Hemisphere winner in the nine-year history of the Japan Cup.

The six-year-old, the only female and only Southern Hemisphere entry in the field of 15, started the race a 9-1 chance.

Ridden by Lance O'Sullivan, she beat second favourite Oguri Cap, the mount of Katsumi Minai, by a neck with last year's Japan Cup winner Pay the Butler (Chris McCarron) three lengths away in third place.

A good draw had already given Horlicks, daughter of a mare called Malt, one of the elements she needed.

The other was the firm ground which did no favours to the English raider Carroll House, winner on soft ground of last month's Prix de L'Arc de Triomphe in Paris. The colt finished last but one.

"The biggest advantage we had was drawing barrier two," Jockey O'Sullivan told reporters after the race.

O'Sullivan, whose father David and brother Paul Train Horlicks, kept the mare off the pace — but not very far off — for most of the one and a half mile (2.4 km) turf race.

"We decided on being as handy as possible with-

out pushing too hard," the jockey said.

He kept Horlicks in the third spot until hitting the final straight and surging ahead.

"It turned out to be a grind to the finish which is really her kind of race," O'Sullivan said.

Oguri Cap, whose late effort narrowly failed, started the race as second favourite, at just over 5-1. Super Creek, another of the eight-strong home team, was the 9-2 favourite, but had to settle for fourth place.

Horlicks set a Japan Cup record of two minutes, 22.2 seconds, bettering the 2:24.9 posted in 1987 by France's Le Glorieux.

It was also improved the 2:22.8 of America's Hawkster, said to be a record for this length of turf race, set last month at Santa Anita.

Hawkster was also in Sunday's Cup and at 11-2 was the strongest fancy among the seven foreign raiders. Hawkster and jockey Russell Baze made much of the running with England's Ibn Bey (a 7-1 chance), but both faded in the straight to finish fifth and sixth.

The weather was clear and dry, as it had been for several days. Because of the conditions Carroll House, far more effective on a yielding surface, started at 9-1 after standing at half those odds a week ago.

## MEW tennis tournament

OVER 200 players are expected to participate in the 4th Tennis Championship for the Cup of Rationalization of Power Consumption.

The championship is being organised by the Ministry of Electricity and Water every year. This year it will take place between Nov 30 and Dec 8 at the Ramada Al Salam Hotel's courts.

## Dunlop wins

MACAU, Nov. 26, (Reuter) — Robert Dunlop of Northern Ireland won the shortened Macau motorcycle Grand Prix by less than half a second from compatriot Phillip McCallan today.

Dunlop, 28 yesterday, fought off a determined challenge from McCallan down the final straight to claim victory and improve on his third place in last year's event.

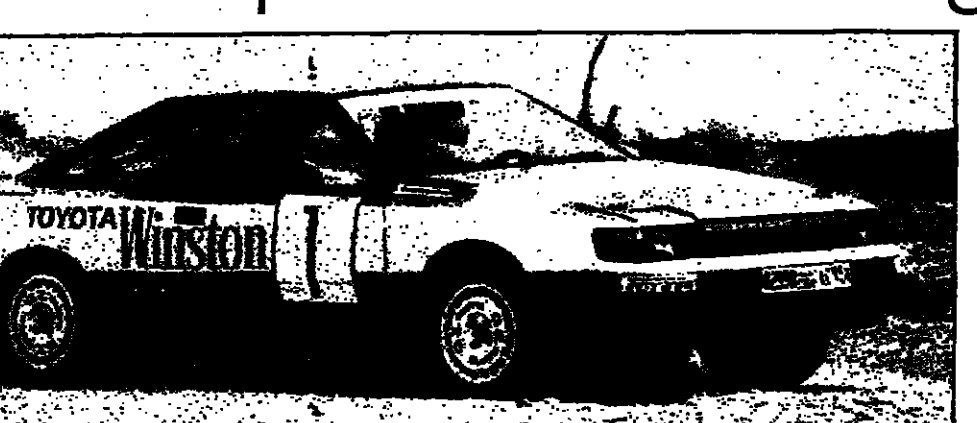
## Sulayem aims to preserve winning record

MIDDLE EAST champion Mohammed bin Sulayem will be aiming to preserve the longest unbroken winning record in regional motor sport in the Emirates International Rally on November 30 and Dec 1.

The UAE star has won his home rally for the past four years, and is determined to extend that with another powerful performance in his Winston Toyota Celica GT-4 despite the presence of former world champion Bjorn Waldegard from Sweden.

"Winning this rally for a fifth time would give me just as much pleasure as I felt when I won it first in 1985," said Sulayem. "All the Middle East rallies are important, but for obvious reasons, this one means more to me than any other."

"Despite my record, though, it is not an easy rally for me. I feel a



Sulayem in action in an earlier rally.

lot of pressure because people expect me to win, and you can never take anything for granted in rallying.

"There are always a lot of good drivers waiting to take their chance, and the opposition looks

like being particularly strong this year. Bjorn's appearance is great for the rally and I am proud to be his team-mate. He is a fantastic driver and I can only give my best."

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Winston, the rally — previously known as the Dubai International — has been re-named because part of the route will take the cars into the neighbouring Emirate of Sharjah.

Accompanying Sulayem will

be his regular Irish co-driver, Ronan Morgan, who says: "I've heard that the new route will make the rally faster and more competitive, and that is definitely good for the event. Obviously, we are always delighted to win a rally by a comfortable margin, but closely-contested events produce the best action, and that is what the spectators want to see."

If Sulayem does take the victory laurels yet again at the Dubai Hyatt Regency Hotel, he will be able to team work as one of the reasons for his success.

"Mohammed would be the first to admit that it takes more than great driving skills to win an international rally," said Winston Toyota Team Middle East manager Terry Plant. "Our mechanics are among the best in the business and they are vital to our chances of winning again."



## Schneider wins women's slalom

PARK CITY, Utah, Nov. 26, (AP) — Defending World Cup champion Vreni Schneider of Switzerland, who fell on her first run of the season, turned in two flawless runs to win the women's slalom yesterday.

Schneider, who is coming off the best season in the history of the World Cup tour, with 14 victories last year, negotiated the 427-metre course at the Park City ski area in 47.77 seconds on her first run and in 46.88 on her second for a total of 1:34.65.

She easily beat Monika Maierhofer of Austria, who was timed in 48.26 on her first run and 47.71 on her second for a total of 1:35.97.

The strong Austrian team took the next three places and placed six skiers among the top 10 finishers.

Anita Wachter was third in 1:36.22, followed by Petra Kronberger in 1:36.48 and Karin Buder in 1:36.53.

Camilla Nilsson of Sweden finished sixth in 1:36.91. Kristi Terzian of Salt Lake City was the leading American, placing seventh in 1:37.03.

Terzian was fifth after the first run with a time of 48.55, but dropped back after a 48.48 clocking on her second run.

Schneider, in her season debut Friday fell in her first Giant Slalom run. She said after that race she hoped to put that misfortune behind her and do well yesterday.

She was the sixth starter of the day on the course, which had a base of artificial snow. About 6 inches (15 centimetres) of new snow fell overnight Friday, but crews removed it to the base for yesterday's runs.

Schneider was in control from the start, displaying her form of last season.

Her rhythmic style helped her easily pass through the course's gates and through areas where two skiers had fallen before her on her first run. Three skiers caught skis or missed gates before Schneider made her second run.

She was equally as powerful on that run and her time was the fastest of the day.

The men, who opened the Northern Hemisphere's portion of the World Cup season Thursday, close out the weekend of skiing with a slalom run today.

## Miami upset Irish

NEW YORK, Nov. 26, (AP) — Notre Dame may have lost a second straight national championship last night on the same field where the Irish had hoped to play for it on Jan. 1.

For sure, the Irish lost their No. 1 ranking and a school-record 23-game winning streak when seventh-ranked Miami achieved its long-sought revenge and trounced them 27-10 behind Craig Erickson's two touchdowns passes to Dale Dawkins and a ferocious defensive effort that held Notre Dame to 142 yards rushing, less than half its 301-yard average.

It was bowl invitation day and just before the game Notre Dame (11-1) accepted a bid to meet No. 2 Colorado (11-0) in the Orange Bowl, Miami (10-1) is in the Sugar Bowl, which will decide following next Saturday's game between No. 4 Alabama (10-0) and No. 10 Auburn (8-2) whether to invite one of those teams or No. 8 Tennessee (9-1), a 31-10 winner over Kentucky.

Earlier, third-ranked Michigan joined No. 12 Southern California in the Rose Bowl by defeating No. 20 Ohio State 28-18 and clinching the Big Ten championship. The Wolverines

(10-1, 8-0) played without star tailback Tony Boles but Leroy Hoard rushed for 152 yards and a touchdown.

"I think this team deserves a lot of credit," coach Bo Schembechler said. "This team has not lost a conference game in two years. This team had a loss against Notre Dame (24-19 in Michigan's opener) and has come back to win 10 straight."

In other games involving ranked teams, it was No. 11 Illinois 63, Northwestern 14; No. 13 Houston 40, No. 18 Texas Tech 24; No. 21 Brigham Young 48, San Diego State 21; No. 22 Penn State 16, No. 19 Pitt 13; No. 25 Michigan State 31, Wisconsin 3.

In a late game, No. 24 Hawaii beat Oregon State 23-21.

On Friday, No. 9 Arkansas earned a second straight trip to the Cotton Bowl by defeating No. 14 Texas A&M 23-22.

No. 11 Illinois 63, Northwestern 14.

Jeff George passed for 232 yards and three touchdowns, leading Illinois (9-2, 7-1) to a second-place finish in the Big Ten. The Illini turned three interceptions into touchdowns as they scored on their last six possessions in the first half for a 42-7 lead.



## Benfica triumph

Swedish soccer star Matts Magnusson (right) jubilates after scoring one of the four goals for Benfica against Maritimo in Lisbon on Saturday evening. Benfica won 4-0. (Reuter wirephoto)



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## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Kasparov wins

BELGRADE, Nov 26, (Reuters): World champion Gary Kasparov secured victory yesterday in the tenth round of the Belgrade International Chess Tournament. With one round left to go, Kasparov beat Norway's Simon Agdestein after 56 moves of a violent gambit opening. He has seven points and two adjourned games. "I was not at my best in the last two games," Kasparov said. "But I hope to win 1.5 points from the two adjourned games."

## Italian soccer

ROME, Nov 26, (Reuters): Results of Italian First Division soccer matches today.

Ascoli	0	Cremone	1
Atalanta	2	Inter	1
Bari	3	Udinese	1
Cesena	1	Florentina	1
Verona	2	Roma	2
Juventus	1	Napoli	1
Lazio	0	Genoa	0
AC Milan	2	Lecce	0
Sampdoria	2	Bologna	0

## French captain

PARIS, Nov 26, (Reuters): The French Tennis Federation (FFT) yesterday appointed former player Patrice Dominguez as the country's team captain for next year's Davis Cup.

## Cup volleyball

TOKYO, Nov 26, (Reuters): Unbeaten Cuba coasted to a 15-7 16-14 15-3 success over Japan to clinch the men's World Cup volleyball title with their seventh successive win of the tournament today. European Champions Italy downed 1988 Olympic gold medalists the United States 15-7 15-11 15-6 to finish second with six wins and one loss in the eight-nation tournament.

## NHL games

NEW YORK, Nov 26, (Reuters): Results of National Hockey League (NHL) games played yesterday.

Hartford	5	Philadelphia	2
Edmonton	7	NY Islanders	2
Washington	4	Pittsburgh	1
Buffalo	3	Quebec	2
Montreal	5	Boston	3
Toronto M.L.	7	NY Rangers	4
New Jersey	3	Winnipeg	1
Calgary	3	St. Louis	3
Los Angeles	7	Vancouver	4

## NBA games

ROME, Nov 26, (AP): Former NBA guards Brian Shaw and Darwin Cook combined for 63 points to lead the South team to a 178-166 victory in the Italian Basketball League's All-star game last night. Michael Ray Richardson rewarded a record crowd of 14,771 with an All-star game record of 50 points for the losing North squad.

## English soccer

LONDON, Nov 26, (Reuters): Results of British soccer matches today.

Liverpool	2	Arsenal	1
Swindon	2	Portsmouth	2

## Masters final

ESSEN, West Germany, Nov 26, (Reuters): Final result of the \$500,000 women's invitational Masters tournament today.

Monica Seles (Yugoslavia) beat Manuela Maleeva (Bulgaria) 6-1, 7-5.

## RESULTS OF THE HUBARA BRIDGE CLUB GAME HELD ON SATURDAY

N/S

- Nabil Akel & Narendra Shah
- Bianca Moussali & Ahmed Tawil
- Captain Salman Ali & George E/W
- M. Merchant & Carsten
- Lollo Muthwaite & Dona Materny
- Dr Ridda & Dr Nasim

## Hughes takes four for 51

## Aussies rip through Kiwis in Test

PERTH, Australia, Nov 26, (Reuters): Australia's pace attack, with Merv Hughes at his most venomous, ripped open the soft underbelly of New Zealand's batting line-up to set up the chance of a convincing Test victory today.

New Zealand, 173 for two wickets shortly before tea with Martin Greatbatch and Martin Crowe apparently in command, collapsed to 218 for eight in their first innings before bad light forced an early close on the third day.

The touring side require another 104 runs to avoid the follow-on after Australia scored 521 for nine declared.

Hughes bowled intelligently and with great fire on the same pitch where he took 13 West Indian wickets last season. He finished with four for 51 from 20 overs, a haul which included Greatbatch who top-scored with a splendid 76.

Greatbatch and Crowe, who struck 62 before falling lbw to Terry Alderman, put on 89 for the third wicket, hitting the ball

with great power when necessary while they tried to lay a foundation to the innings.

Greatbatch struck 13 fours including some sweet drives down the ground and treated Alderman with a lack of respect he never faced during six Tests in England.

But once the left-hander departed New Zealand were quickly in trouble. Dipak Patel, a number five with a Test average of only 19, lasted only a handful of balls before being dismissed for a duck while Jeff Crowe was just happy to survive.

Perhaps remembering the dreadful series he suffered here in 1987-88 Crowe garnered just two runs in his first hour at the crease. He was eventually eighth man out for seven with the score on 212, giving wicketkeeper Ian Healy his third catch of the innings.

His brother Martin, who had looked all but impregnable as he scored 10 boundaries, was the fifth New Zealand wicket to fall shortly after tea when he misread a typical Alderman ball which



Hughes (left): bowled with a lot of venom

seamed slightly and struck his front pad.

A measure of Hughes' performance was that he was the only other bowler to worry Crowe.

He removed Greatbatch with the fast bowler's version of the three-card trick, following two

bouncers with a good length ball which Greatbatch nicked to Healy.

A bat-pad catch to David Boon at short leg following another short-pitched delivery disposed of Patel while Ian Smith tried to hit a rearing delivery to

the fence but only spooned the ball to Geoff Lawson at mid-wicket.

Alderman dismissed opener Robert Vance in the first over of the day with a perfect ball which removed Vance's off stump. The Australian finished with two for 66.

## Scoreboard

AUSTRALIA first innings for nine declared (D. Boon 200)

NEW ZEALAND first innings (over-

night 25 for no wicket)

J. Wright b Rackemann 34

R. Vance b Alderman 4

M. Greatbatch c Healy b Hughes 76

J. Crowe lbw b Alderman 62

D. Patel c Boon b Hughes 0

M. Crowe c Healy b Rackemann 7

I. Smith c Lawson b Hughes 11

C. Cairns c Healy b Hughes 1

M. Snedden not out 7

D. Morrison not out 0

Extras (lb-5 w-4 nb-5) 16

Total (for eight wickets) 218

To bat: W. Watson

Fall of wickets: 1-28 2-84 3-173

4-178 5-191 6-204 7-208 8-212

Bowling: Alderman 23-6-68-2

(2nb), Lawson 20-5-48-0 (4w), Rack-

emann 20-4-39-2 (2nb), Hughes 20-

7-51-4 (1nb), Moody 4-1-6-0, Border

1-0-1-0.

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov 26, (AP):

Ivan Lendl took just over an hour to

easily overcome Andre Agassi in a

best-of-three-set exhibition match

last night at the Met Centre.

Lendl's 6-4, 6-2 victory relied on a

combination of powerful serving and

steady baseline game. Agassi strug-

gled with his own serve and several

line calls throughout the match while

relying unsuccessfully on baseline

rallies.

An unforced backhand error gave

Lendl a service break at 2-2 in the

second set. The three-time US Open

winner proceeded to deliver three

service aces in the next game to fight

off Agassi's only serious threat and

sweep the set.

## Ranatunga in doubt for first cricket Test

SALE, Australia, Nov 26, (Reuters): Sri Lankan skipper Arjuna Ranatunga suffered a hair-line fracture in his left hand today and is in doubt for the first cricket Test against Australia less than two weeks away.

Ranatunga slipped while attempting a run during his innings of 75 on the third day of the tourists' match against Victoria, aggravating an old break just below the wrist in his left hand.

He was dismissed shortly afterwards attempting to drive teenage paceman Damien Fleming and was taken to hospital for X-rays which confirmed the bad news.

Doctors told Ranatunga he would be out of action for three weeks but the captain said he would play in the first Test against Australia in Brisbane starting on December 8.

He said he would consider wearing a plastic cover on his left arm as protection.

The Sri Lankans were dismissed for 318 just before tea on the third day and were forced to follow-on 189 runs behind Victoria's first innings of 507 for 6 declared.

Vice-captain Ravi Ratnayake remained unbeaten on 65 while Fleming finished with four for 74 from 23 overs.

The Sri Lankans ended the day on 63 for 2 in their second innings, still trailing by 126 runs.

## Scoreboard

VICTORIA first innings 507 for

six declared (W. Phillips 134, S.

O'Donnell 121, J. Siddons 113)

SRI LANKA first innings (over-

night 156 for four)

R. Mahanama c Siddons 0

b Fleming 0

D. Ranatunga c Dimattina 0

b Fleming 0

A. Gurusinghe c Frazer 55

b Fleming 54

Aravinda de Silva c Fleming b

O'Donnell 75

A. Ranatunga c Dimattina 9

b Fleming 31

Asoka de Silva c O'Donnell 65

b McIntyre 4

S. Jayasuriya run out 5

Ravi Ratnayake not out 14

G. Wickremasinghe lbw 318

b Reiffel 288

Fall of wickets: 1-0-2-5-3-101 4-

150 5-180 6-226 7-236 8-276 9-

288

Bowling: Reiffel 28-5-61-2

(3nb), Fleming 23-3-74-4 (1w

2nb), McIntyre 23-2-104-1, Jack-

son 20-3-8-43-1, S. O'Donnell 6-2-

13-1 (3nb), J. Siddons 1-0-3-0 G.

Parker 5-1-15-0.

SRI LANKA second innings

R. Mahanama c Frazer 12

b O'Donnell 37

D. Ranatunga not out 5

A. Gurusinghe c Dimattina 5

b McIntyre 5

G. Wickremasinghe not out 63

Extras (lb-3lb) 4

Total (two wickets) 130-2-47

Fall of wickets: 1-30-2-47, Flem-

ing 6-1-11-0, O'Donnell 9-3-13-1,

McIntyre 11-3-20-1, Jackson 2-2-

0-0, Siddons 1-0-8-0.

## Beeson surprises Dittmar

THE HAGUE, Nov 26, (Reuters):

Second seed Chris Dittmar was bun-

dled out in the first round of the

Dutch Open Squash Championship

by Britain's Bryan Beeson yesterday.

Beeson, ranked 25th in the world,

scored a 15-11 15-12 15-12 victory

over the Australian, who twice re-

cently beat world number one Jahangir

Khan but who felt tired here and was

also hampered by a slight knee

injury.

World champion Jansher Khan,

top seed in the absence of Pakistani

compatriot Jahangir, needed only 38

minutes to dispatch Dutchman Hans

Frieling 15-10 15-11 15-2.

Third-seeded Rodney Martin beat

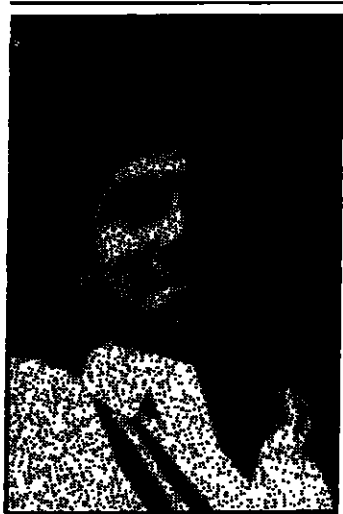
Britain's Paul Gregory 16-17 15-12

15-9 15-9, while fellow Australian

Chris Robertson swept into the

second round by beating Britain's

Geoff Williams 15-6 15-3 15-9.



Imran: angry

## 'Groundsmen doctored pitch'

FAISALABAD, Pakistan, Nov

26, (Reuters): Indian cricket man-

ager Chandu Borde accused

groundsmen at the Iqbal stadium

today of doctored the pitch dur-

ing the current second Test be-

tween India and Pakistan.

Borde said the groundsmen

had filled in the bowlers' foot-

marks yesterday, giving the Pak-

istani batsmen an unfair advan-

tage.

"The Indian slow bowlers

might have been able to pitch the

ball in the footmarks, producing

added turn.

Borde also claimed that the

groundsmen had removed the

covers only half an hour before

play on Friday, instead of the

required hour, when India were

barring.

"The effect of this was to keep

more moisture on the pitch and

assist the Pakistani pacemen.

Pakistani skipper Imran Khan

dismissed the charges as "petty

allegations," and threatened not

to take part in the remaining two

Tests of the series if any further

accusations were levelled.

"If we had to do anything

unfair, we would not have

brought in neutral umpires,"

Imran said.

England's John Hampshire

and John Holder are officiating

in all four Tests in an effort to end

the accusations of bias which

have bedevilled matches in the

past between the two arch-rivals.

Pakistan resume tomorrow

after today's, rest day at 338 for

six in reply to India's first innings

288.

Imran, 16 not out, said he was

aiming for a first innings lead of

150 and a decisive victory. Pakis-

tan notched a first innings lead of

147 in the first Test but ran out of

time and the match ended as a

draw.

Scores: India 288, Pakistan

338 for six (Aamer Malik 117,

Rameez Raja 58, Salim Malik

63).

## Kuwait Open badminton starts

## Suresh outplays Haseman

FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLD Suresh

Ramachandran surprised his oppo-

nent and also the crowd when he

scored an easy victory in the first

round of the Kuwait Open Badm-

inton Championship at the KOC

Sports Centre in Ahmadi on Satur-

day evening.

Suresh showed that he would be a

threat to all the players in his 15-8

15-8 victory over C. Haseman.

The other results were as follows: